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The Worst Scandal in American History?

If the unfolding Joe Biden foreign-influence-peddling and general-corruption scandal isn't the worst in American history, it's certainly a contender.

A generation ago, Bill Clinton was exposed for authorizing the transfer of crucial U.S. military technology to Communist China, technology that enabled the Chinese at long last to build ICBMs that could reach the United States. In return, the Chinese showered Clinton with funds for his 1996 reelection campaign. So serious were the charges and so compelling the evidence that Republicans in the House launched a campaign to impeach the president. Ultimately, the notion that our own president would sell us out to our sworn enemy was too much for official Washington to handle, and the focus shifted to Clinton's lurid affair with Monica Lewinsky. So-called Chinagate was consigned to the Washington memory hole. But today, Communist China is armed to the teeth with ICBMs targeting American cities, and has also enjoyed an unprecedented 20-year economic boom thanks to its accession to the World Trade Organization in 2001 — an event largely facilitated by Bill Clinton before leaving office in 2000.

Fast forward two decades, and once again we have as president a venal Democratic insider, a career politician who has somehow amassed a considerable fortune over his many years in the Senate and the White House. Yet despite a veritable treasure trove of overwhelming evidence incriminating him and many family members in a transparently corrupt pay-to-play scheme with the likes of our old foe Communist China, as well as kleptocrats in Ukraine and Romania, Biden and his minions at the Department of Justice and on Capitol Hill continue to insist that there's nothing to see here.

All this has been happening in tandem with the ferocious legal campaign unleashed against former President Trump, with the transparent objective of putting him in prison for the rest of his life and barring him from ever becoming president again. Along with Trump, many of his associates, including one of his lawyers, have been similarly targeted, to send a message to anyone harboring any designs of standing up to the Deep State in the future. This is truly something we have not seen before. Even Clinton was not so crass as to jail political opponents, and it's doubtful he could have gotten away with it had he tried. But now the Deep State is pulling out all the stops both to destroy Trump and to protect Biden, no matter the cost. The Trump indictment and the Biden corruption sagas are really two different threads of the same story, and that story is the no-holds-barred campaign by the Deep State to preserve its own illicit power.

We are witnessing a struggle for the very survival of the American Republic, where equal application of the law was once at least an ideal, however imperfectly practiced. But now, instead of cries for impartial justice, half the political leadership and nearly all the news media are cynically indifferent to the obvious double standard being applied to Trump and Biden. According to polls, roughly half the American public see the legal harassment of Trump for what it is: overt weaponization of the American legal system. As for the Biden corruption scandal, few Americans have any idea that it even exists, thanks to the Omertà-like conspiracy of silence in the mainstream news outlets.

But all is not lost. Instead of meekly standing down in the face of a ferocious onslaught from Democrats and the Deep State, many in the GOP are fighting back aggressively against stonewalling Deep Staters in the FBI and DOJ. House investigators continue to subpoena documents and bank records on Biden influence-peddling, and have compiled an impressive amount of documentation. Trump, meanwhile, is soaring in the polls, and would obliterate Biden if the election were held today.

In this issue, we lay out the details, and examine the stakes, of what is shaping up to be the definitive story of our time.

— *Steve Bonta*

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Grand Jury Indicts Daniel Penny

On May 1, Daniel Penny, a former Marine, protected his fellow subway passengers from Jordan Neely, a career criminal who was threatening them, by restraining Neely until police arrived. Neely later died.

The *New York Post* reported on June 14 that a grand jury had indicted Penny on counts of second-degree manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide.

Second-degree manslaughter is the killing of another human being without the intent of doing so, and is often referred to as involuntary manslaughter. New York law defines second-degree manslaughter as "a death that occurs without intent to cause serious physical injury, but where reckless conduct by the defendant resulted in death." Criminally negligent homicide is a charge against a defendant who causes the death of another human being through criminally negligent acts (or omissions).

Daniel Penny

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Penny presented his case in a June 11 video released by his lawyers. In that testimony — backed up by witnesses — he stated that Neely appeared to be on drugs and repeatedly told passengers, "I'm going to kill you," "I'm prepared to go to jail for life," and, "I'm willing to die." Penny restrained Neely in a chokehold until police could take over, and video clearly shows Neely still breathing.

Following its initial investigation of the incident, the NYPD decided not to press charges. But New York District Attorney Alvin Bragg, playing the race card (Penny is white while Neely was black), used the conclusion of the city's medical examiner that Neely's death was a homicide to bring charges against Penny for his defense of innocent passengers.

Penny was released after posting the $100,000 bond required. He was able to fund the bond using some of the nearly $3 million his GiveSendGo crowdfunding website has already raised. As of June 17, almost 59,000 people had contributed to his defense, supporting Penny in his upcoming fight with the infamous and racist district attorney who will be prosecuting him at his upcoming trial.

Massachusetts Students Revolt Over LGBTQ "Pride" Event

In a June 14 article, *The Epoch Times* reported that a June 2 LGBTQ "Pride" event at Marshall Simonds Middle School in Burlington, Massachusetts, turned contentious when, instead of dutifully wearing the rainbow colors that left-wing agitators have usurped as a symbol for LGBTQ "pride," many students chanted, "My pronouns are U.S.A!" and chose to wear red, white, and blue in support of America.

School officials complained of rainbow decorations being torn down and destroyed, and some teachers accused the protesting students of "intimidating" those celebrating "pride."

Principal Cari Perchase profusely apologized to LGBTQ members of the community, saying she was "truly sorry that a day meant for you to celebrate your identity turned into a day of intolerance."

Nancy Bonassera, co-chair of the Burlington Equity Coalition and a parent of one of the school's students, called for the school to "provide consequences" for those who celebrated America instead of LGBTQ "pride," saying such punishments should emphasize the town's stance on inclusivity and equality. "We also believe that without any direct and concrete action, these incidents will occur again and increase in severity," she said.

District Superintendent Eric Conti accused the patriotic students of "intolerance" and "homophobia," and doubled down on the district's LGBTQ rhetoric: "We ask all staff, teachers, and members of the Burlington Public School community to join us in taking a stand against homophobia and identity-directed hateful actions."

The situation at Marshall Simonds Middle School in Massachusetts is just another example of a populace fed up with the LBGTQ agenda. Bud Light, once the most popular beer in America, has lost a third of its market share due to its controversial sponsorship of Dylan Mulvaney, a transgender influencer who largely targets children in his voluminous TikTok videos. Retailer Target has lost at least $15 billion after prominently displaying transgender-friendly bathing suits. And the Los Angeles Dodgers are facing the wrath of Catholics for allowing an anti-Catholic drag group to be honored on their field on June 16.

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DA Ends Investigation of Trump

Business Insider reported on June 14 that Westchester County, New York, District Attorney Miriam Rocah has closed her office's investigation into Donald Trump. A statement from the office explained that they had conducted an investigation "regarding certain properties owned by Donald J. Trump and/or the Trump Organization located in Westchester County, New York," but that "our investigation is now closed" after finding nothing with which to charge the former president.

The DA was digging in to whether Trump had attempted to illegally reduce the value of his golf club in order to pay lower real estate taxes. The legal wrangling had been going on for years, and was finally settled with the county reducing its assessment of the property by 30 percent.

In other words, the DA in Westchester County found that the county had overstated the value of the Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor; Trump was fighting for a lower value.

This is important because it blows a major hole in the charge last September by New York Attorney General Letitia James that Trump had *overstated* the values of his properties in order to obtain loans with more favorable terms.

James filed a $250 million lawsuit against Trump, the Trump Organization, and his three eldest children, claiming that they colluded in raising the values of the properties and in the process broke various tax, banking, and insurance laws. Trump's golf course was singled out in that lawsuit as one property where the defendants allegedly fudged the numbers *higher*, with "deceptive strategies."

That suit is scheduled to go to trial in October. With that coming up, as well as the ongoing investigations regarding alleged hush money, sexual abuse, and document mishandling, Trump is not out of the woods yet. However, his supporters are seeing through the maze of lawsuits and are reacting accordingly — a May Harvard-Harris poll showed him leading his nearest competitor for the Republican Party's presidential nomination by 42 points.

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Planned Parenthood Lays Off Staff, Targets Black Women

The *Boston Globe* reported on June 12 that Planned Parenthood (PP) will lay off about 100 staff members from its headquarters in Manhattan and Washington, D.C.

In a May 23 blog post announcing the cutbacks, Planned Parenthood CEO Alexis McGill Johnson attributed the layoffs to "the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and the loss of abortion access," and said, "Beginning this summer, Planned Parenthood … will deploy our financial resources to better meet the needs of Planned Parenthood patients and communities." She announced that their new strategy "requires a reduction in our current workforce," lamenting that "some of our fiercest, most incredible staff won't continue on this journey with us."

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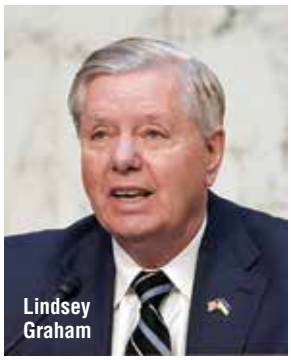
Johnson also announced in her blog post that PP is launching a new initiative targeting black mothers-to-be: the Black Health Equity Initiative, designed "to improve health outcomes and reduce disparities, particularly for Black patients, starting with states in the South and Midwest."

This is in line with the eugenicist background and aims of Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger. In a remarkably candid letter to a doctor involved in her early efforts to target black families, Sanger wrote: "We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population."

Even the editors at Wikipedia have had to admit Sanger's agenda: "After World War I, Sanger increasingly posited a societal need to limit births by those least able to afford children. The affluent and educated already limited their child-bearing, while the poor and uneducated lacked access to contraception and information about birth control. Here she found an area of overlap with eugenicists. She believed that they both sought to 'assist the race toward the elimination of the unfit.'"

In addition to having to lay off employees, Planned Parenthood had to close its only Utah clinic outside Salt Lake City in March. However, it still operates more than 600 clinics around the country, using some $633 million of U.S. taxpayer dollars every year to fund abortion. ■

Senator Changes His Tune on Saudi Prince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"Things in Saudi Arabia are changing very quickly for the better. His vision for the country economically is transformative."
In 2018, after Saudi critic and Washington Post *columnist Jamal Khashoggi had been murdered and dismembered, Senator* **Lindsey Graham** *(R-S.C.) labeled Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman a "toxic wrecking ball" and added that he would never visit Saudi Arabia again "as long as this guy is in charge." The South Carolina senator has evidently changed his stance, even though Mohammad bin Salman remains in power.*

Congressman Claims Criticism of George Soros Is "Anti-semitism"

"With antisemitic violence at record highs, today's hearing confirmed that invoking George Soros's name is nothing short of blatant antisemitism."
Representative **Dan Goldman** *(D-N.Y.) evidently feels no one should criticize the hard-left political goals of George Soros, even though Jewish law professor Eugene Volokh has stated, "Of course, it's legitimate to criticize the Soros spending to influence American politics."*

Candace Owens
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Black Celebrity Attacks The Victimhood Mentality

"If you hold a permanent view of yourself as a victim, you become your own oppressor."
The founder and leader of the Blexit Foundation, formed to get blacks out of the Democratic Party, **Candace Owens** *insists that a victimhood mentality destroys the black family, leads to widespread abortion among blacks, and inspires black dependence on government welfare.*

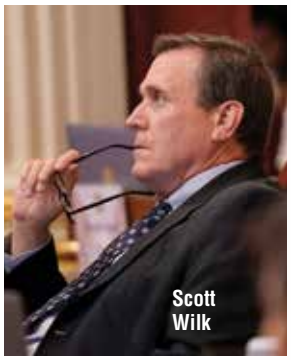
FBI Targeting of Catholics Draws Criticism

"Some of our first states were founded as safe havens for religious dissenters. There is no right more sacred to American democracy than the right to worship freely."
An FBI report associating Traditional Catholics with domestic extremists drew sharp protest from Virginia Attorney General **Jason Miyares**. *His letter condemning the report won support from attorneys general in 19 other states. The letter was then sent to Representative Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), who has demanded information from the FBI about how such an erroneous charge could have been issued.*

Biden Family Corruption Ignored as Media Indicates GOP Investigators Have No Case Against Them

"[In mid-May 2023,] Congressman Byron Donalds (R-Fla.) and his colleagues presented a labyrinth of LLC shell companies and accounts used to funnel as much as $10 million to Biden family members. The response was virtually immediate. Despite showing nine Biden family members allegedly receiving funds from corrupt figures in Romania, China and other countries, the liberal *New Republic* magazine quickly ran a story headlined 'Republicans Finally Admit They Have No Incriminating Evidence on Joe Biden.'"
Nationally known attorney **Jonathan Turley** *pointed to evidence gained from the infamous but authentic Hunter Biden laptop and elsewhere. He then chided the liberal national media for ignoring undeniable evidence of potential criminal activity on the part of the Biden family, including current U.S. President Joe Biden.*

California State Senator Urges Families With School-age Children to Leave California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"If you love your children, you need to flee California. I'm now in Year 11 in the state legislature, and all the time, we're proposing policies to protect children. After 11 years in office, I've concluded that we need to start protecting parents. That's just not happening."
California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill into law that gives young children the autonomy to determine whether they should undergo procedures that could leave them sterile and riddled with lifelong regret. State Senator **Scott Wilk**, *in his 11th year in office, added that he and his family intend to vacate California after his current term is completed.* ■

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WILL THEY GET TRUMP?

The indictment of Donald Trump is not about justice. It's about destroying, once and for all, an arch political enemy. But Trump should not be counted out yet.

by R. Cort Kirkwood

Two unpleasant facts obtrude from the 37-count federal indictment of President Donald Trump on mishandling classified documents and obstruction of justice.

First, and most importantly for American justice, the indictment is nakedly political. Whatever the charges' merit, they are part of the Deep State's eight-year-long crusade to destroy Trump, a crusade that began even *before* he prevailed in the 2016 GOP primaries. The Russia Collusion Hoax. The two impeachments. Now this. The Deep State's pursuit of Trump makes Ahab's sea-hunt for Moby Dick look sane.

Second, Trump could lose this one. Perhaps the only thing between him and a federal prison cell is a GOP president in 2024 — perhaps Trump himself — who pardons him. Trump is in trouble mostly because he still hasn't learned to keep his mouth shut. After eight years in boiling water because of imprudent or intemperate remarks, one would think a man of his intelligence would have learned not to do or say certain things. You know, like flash classified documents in front of a reporter. Or tell an attorney to withhold documents from government investigators.

Alas and alack, expecting such of Trump is the triumph of hope over experience.

Yet the merit of the charges is unimportant. Trump didn't intend to endanger the country. Never was national security compromised. No one seriously argues that it was, because they know the truth; political mischief is afoot. The purpose of the prosecution isn't seeking justice, but instead wrecking a former president who didn't play ball with the Deep State, and sending a message to future candidates who entertain similar dissident ideas.

And so for the first time in American history, a president has permitted the Department of Justice to arrest a political opponent. As politics in this country goes, that's dirty pool, and if Joe Biden's DOJ succeeds, American justice, in all its majesty, will be forever tainted and untrustworthy. Indeed, that the DOJ even indicted Trump for something that other presidents including Sleepy Joe have done suggests that the department and its seemingly omnipotent police force, the FBI, are hopelessly politicized and corrupt.

Not that we didn't already know that.

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Show and tell: Special Counsel Jack Smith indicted former President Donald Trump under the Espionage Act for storing classified documents at this Mar-a-Lago estate, then discussing and perhaps showing them to a writer.

A Key Allegation That Could Sink POTUS 45

But let's stick with the allegations, given that Biden and his Stakhanovite prosecutors aren't on trial, and Trump is. Special Counsel Jack Smith has charged POTUS 45 with 31 violations of the Espionage Act. That statute — 18 U.S. Code § 793 (e) / "Gathering, transmitting or losing defense information" — doesn't just forbid passing classified documents to a foreign government. It punishes willfully mishandling documents.

The indictment imperils Trump for that reason alone, as Trump's impeachment attorney Alan Dershowitz averred to Fox News's Larry Kudlow.

Dershowitz rightly observed that

no other president has been or would have been charged for taking classified documents when he left office. But that doesn't help Trump, who must defend himself even if the prosecution is obviously political.

Despite the indictment's enormity, Dershowitz said, Trump must worry about one paragraph.

Trump and two aides met with a writer to discuss a book about White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows on July 21, 2021 at Trump's Bedminster Club, the indictment alleges. Trump wanted to disprove a "senior military official's" claim that Trump "might order an attack on Country A and that the Senior Military Official advised TRUMP against doing so."

The attack, Trump claimed, was the "senior military official's" idea. "Upon greeting the writer, publisher, and his two staff members, TRUMP stated, 'Look what I found, this was [the Senior Military Official's] plan of attack, read it and just show … it's interesting.'"

The exchange between Trump and the writer and a staffer is damning:

TRUMP: Well, with [the Senior Military Official] — uh, let me see that, I'll show you an example. He said that I wanted to attack [Country A]. Isn't it amazing? I have a big pile of papers, this thing just came up.

Look. This was him. They presented me this — this is off the record, but — they presented me this. This was him. This was the Defense Department and him.

WRITER: Wow.

TRUMP: We looked at some. This was him. This wasn't done by me, this was him. All sorts of stuff — pages long, look.

STAFFER: Mm.

TRUMP: Wait a minute, let's see here.

STAFFER: [Laughter] Yeah.

TRUMP: I just found, isn't that amazing? This totally wins my case, you know.

STAFFER: Mm-hm.

TRUMP: Except it is like, highly confidential.

STAFFER: Yeah. [Laughter].

TRUMP: Secret. This is secret information. Look, look at this. You attack, and — by the way, isn't that incredible?

STAFFER: Yeah.

TRUMP: I was just thinking, because we were talking about it. And you know, he said, "he wanted to attack [Country A]" ...

STAFFER: You did.

TRUMP: This was done by the military and given to me. I think we can probably, right?

Uh …

STAFFER: I don't know, we'll, we'll have to see. Yeah, we'll have to try to —

TRUMP: Declassify it.

STAFFER: — figure out a — yeah.

TRUMP: See as president I could have declassified it.

STAFFER: Yeah. [Laughter]

TRUMP: Now I can't, you know, but this is still a secret.

STAFFER: Yeah. [Laughter] Now we have a problem.

TRUMP: Isn't that interesting?

"At the time of this exchange, the writer, the publisher, and TRUMP's two staff members did not have security clearances or any need-to-know any classified information about a plan of attack on Country A," the indictment alleges.

Trump likewise conversed with a representative from a political action committee.

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Selective persecution: Jack Smith has indicted Trump for a "crime" other presidents and government officials have committed, including President Joe Biden, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and Sandy Berger, national security advisor to President Bill Clinton.

Trump's Attorney: Lawer-client Privilege Blown

Another of Trump's major troubles, although Dershowitz didn't mention it, is notes from his attorney, Evan Corcoran, identified as Trump Attorney 1 in the indictment. Smith used the crime-fraud exception to attorney-client privilege to procure Corcoran's notes of meeting with Trump. Those notes reveal that Trump "endeavored to obstruct the FBI and grand jury investigations and conceal his continued retention of classified documents," the indictment says.

"I don't want anybody looking, I don't want anybody looking through my boxes, I really don't, I don't want you looking through my boxes," Trump said, Corcoran noted.

Trump also asked, "What happens if we

just don't respond at all or don't play ball with them?" and, "Wouldn't it be better if we just told them we don't have anything here?"

"Isn't it better if there are no documents?" he asked.

Accusing Trump of "false certification to the FBI and the Grand Jury," the indictment alleges that Corcoran reviewed the documents, found 38 marked "classified," and placed them in a Redweld folder that he sealed with clear duct tape.

"Did you find anything?" Trump asked. "Is it bad? Good?"

Then Trump suggested with a hand motion that Corcoran pull documents he wanted to keep:

> TRUMP and Trump Attorney 1 then discussed what to do with the Redweld folder containing documents with classification markings and whether Trump Attorney 1 should bring them to his hotel room and put them in a safe there. During that conversation, TRUMP made a plucking motion, as memorialized by Trump Attorney 1:
>
> He made a funny motion as though — well okay why don't you take them with you to your hotel room and if there's anything really bad in there, like, you know, pluck it out. And that was the motion that he made. He didn't say that.

The allegations about Trump's showing classified documents to the writer and urging his attorney to withhold classified documents the attorney knew the government sought are just two in the 44-page indictment.

But they are two of the most damaging, and they are bad enough.

In addition to the 31 charges under the Espionage Act, the indictment alleges false statements, conspiracy to obstruct justice, and a scheme to conceal documents.

Also facing charges is Trump's major domo, Waltine Nauta.

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Weak link: A danger for Trump is the evidence from his attorney, Evan Corcoran, whom Trump, the indictment alleges, importuned to hold back documents the government wanted to remove from Mar-a-Lago.

Turley: Time Is the Key Factor

Bad as it looks for Trump, all is not lost.

Democratic law professor Jonathan Turley, who keeps a level head when discussing Trump's legal problems, said that the prosecutor's "great problem is not Trump, but time."

That's because DOJ does not take actions that could affect elections, Turley wrote. That wasn't true when the FBI, a DOJ subsidiary, hoked up the Russia Collusion Hoax, but in this case, Turley wrote, Smith wants a trial before August to keep up appearances.

"The Justice Department has long followed a rule that it should not take actions that could influence elections," Turley wrote:

> While there are ambiguities around the meaning of this policy, many legal observers read this rule as kicking in 90 days before an election.
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> The first primary elections are scheduled for the first week of next February. That places the redline for prosecutors in the first week of November.
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> Since the Justice Department has generally followed this rule, a departure for Trump would reinforce the view of almost half of Americans that the charges are politically motivated.
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> However, a failure to try the case before November could mean pushing the trial until after the election.

That would help Trump, of course. If he lands in the White House again, he will pardon himself. Other GOP candidates have promised a pardon as well.

The 90-day custom explains why Smith mentioned the right to a "speedy trial" during his news conference, Turley continued. Under the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution and federal statute, that trial would begin within 70 days. That's August.

Still, "criminal defendants routinely waive the right to a speedy trial because it does not allow them to fully prepare for trial. The Trump team would be legally insane not to waive."

Delays would follow:

> After a waiver, the Trump team can then delay matters further by filing a series of challenges on threshold issues — ranging from the use of the Espionage Act to relying on the com-

pelled testimony of Trump's former counsel. After a period of briefing before the trial court, appellate courts could delay the matter for months depending on whether they expedite review.

Another problem facing Smith will be selecting an impartial jury because of Trump's notoriety.

Last, Turley wrote, "neither the defense nor the prosecution can lose one," meaning lose one of the 37 counts.

Trump *must* "run the table" because prison time — Trump is 77 years old — might kill him.

Though Sandy Berger, President Bill Clinton's national security advisor, copped to a misdemeanor plea when he purloined classified documents, others have gone to prison. Trump, Turley argued, is unique because DOJ is clearly out to get him. So prison time is not out of the question.

On the other hand, "Smith cannot lose a single juror without facing a hung jury."

In Trump's favor is a similar case, Judicial Watch's Michael Bekesha wrote for *The Wall Street Journal*.

"Although the indictment against Donald Trump doesn't cite the Presidential Records Act [PRA], the charges are predicated on the law," he wrote:

> The indictment came about only because the government thought Mr. Trump took records that didn't belong to him, and the government raided his house to find any such records.
>
> This should never have happened. The Presidential Records Act allows the president to decide what records to return and what records to keep at the end of his presidency. And the National Archives and Records Administration can't do anything about it. I know because I'm the lawyer who lost the "Clinton sock drawer" case.
>
> That case involved Clinton's hiding audio recordings of his conversations in his sock drawer, then taking them from the White House when he left office.

Bekesha led Judicial Watch's legal battle to get those recordings declared presidential documents, arguing that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) should have them. Bekesha and Judicial Watch lost.

"In defending NARA, the Justice Department argued that NARA doesn't have 'a duty to engage in a never-ending search for potential presidential records' that weren't provided to NARA by the president at the end of his term," Bekesha wrote:

> Nor, the department asserted, does the Presidential Records Act require NARA to appropriate potential presidential records forcibly. The government's position was that Congress had decided that the president and the president alone decides what is a presidential record and what isn't. He may take with him whatever records he chooses at the end of his term.
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> Judge Amy Berman Jackson agreed: "Since the President is completely entrusted with the management and even the disposal of Presidential records during his time in office," she held, "it would be difficult for this Court to conclude that Congress intended that he would have less authority to do what he pleases with what he considers to be his personal records."
>
> Judge Berman added that "the PRA contains no provision obligating or even permitting the Archivist to assume control over records that the President 'categorized' and 'filed separately' as personal records. At the conclusion of the President's term, the Archivist only 'assumes responsibility for the Presidential records.'… PRA does not confer any mandatory or even discretionary authority on the Archivist to classify records. Under the statute, this responsibility is left solely to the President."

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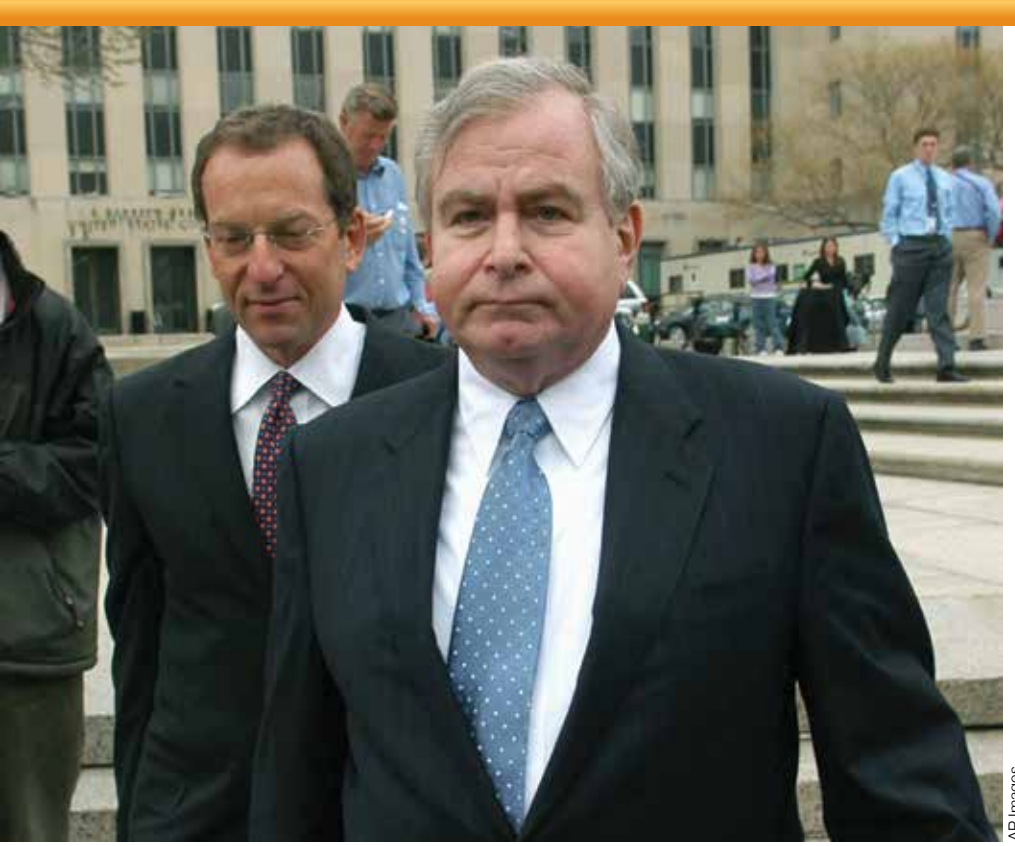
Honest talk: Former Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz said the indictment is political, and that no other president has even been so charged.



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Double standard: Sandy Berger, national security advisor under President Bill Clinton, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of taking government documents in 2005. He was not authorized to take such documents, but Trump was. Yet Trump is being prosecuted.

> I lost because Judge Jackson concluded the government's hands were tied. Mr. Clinton took the tapes, and no one could do anything about it.

Thus, Bekesha argues, even if Trump took classified documents, they were his to take, and no one could stop him.

If true, then the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago was illegal, and the ensuing indictment, which, again, accuses Trump of violating the Espionage Act, is unjust and a judge should dismiss the case.

Dershowitz: Time for Trump to Shut Up

Speaking to Kudlow, Dershowitz said that Trump's yakety-yakking to the writer is more perilous than the other charges.

"The stuff about moving boxes, that's all covered by the Presidential Records Act, probably not criminal at all," he told Kudlow. Those charges can "easily be defeated."

Not so for the allegations involving the writer:

> This is the one that should be worrisome to the president, and he may have an answer for it. He may be able to say, "look, I was just showing off a little bit. I didn't really have them read the documents. I just flashed them in front of their eyes to show them, look I'm the former president, and what I'm telling you is true, these documents prove it."

Dershowitz said that the Espionage Act, a "horrible statute" passed in 1917 to silence dissidents opposed to U.S. entry into World War I, covers passing classified information to those who are not permitted to see it.

Noting that the document kerfuffle is really a civil, not a criminal, dispute, Dershowitz observed that Smith indicted Trump for willfully, not negligently, sharing classified information. Hillary Clinton skated away from an indictment for virtually the same offense, and President Biden stored classified documents in his garage and at his bogus "center" for "Diplomacy and Global Engagement." Sandy Berger, national security advisor to President Bill Clinton, was slapped on the wrist for the same offense.

"We don't have equal justice here," the Harvard law professor emeritus said:

> The Get Trump attitude is still prevalent. The only reason they opened this investigation — they haven't opened investigations into other former presidents to see what material they took home with them — this is selective investigation, no doubt.

Indeed it is.

"It's an extraordinarily dangerous indictment, potentially dangerous to the rule of law," Dershowitz said. "Dangerous to the neutral application of criminal justice and dangerous to establishing a precedent that each side will weaponize the criminal justice system against their political opponents."

Speaking to NewsNation TV network, Dershowitz said that Trump's difficulty retaining top-flight lawyers is a "stain" on DOJ. Lawyers who work for Trump, as he wrote in his book *Get Trump: The Threat to Civil Liberties, Due Process, and Our Constitutional Rule of Law*, fear retaliation from a group called 65 Project. Two contacted Dershowitz after Trump was indicted to say they wouldn't represent the former president.

As for Trump, the relentless campaign to destroy him has finally borne fruit. The Russia Collusion Hoax collapsed and two impeachments failed. But now, using the DOJ, Biden might not only stop Trump from becoming president but also wreck his life forever. That's what Biden said he would do, after all.

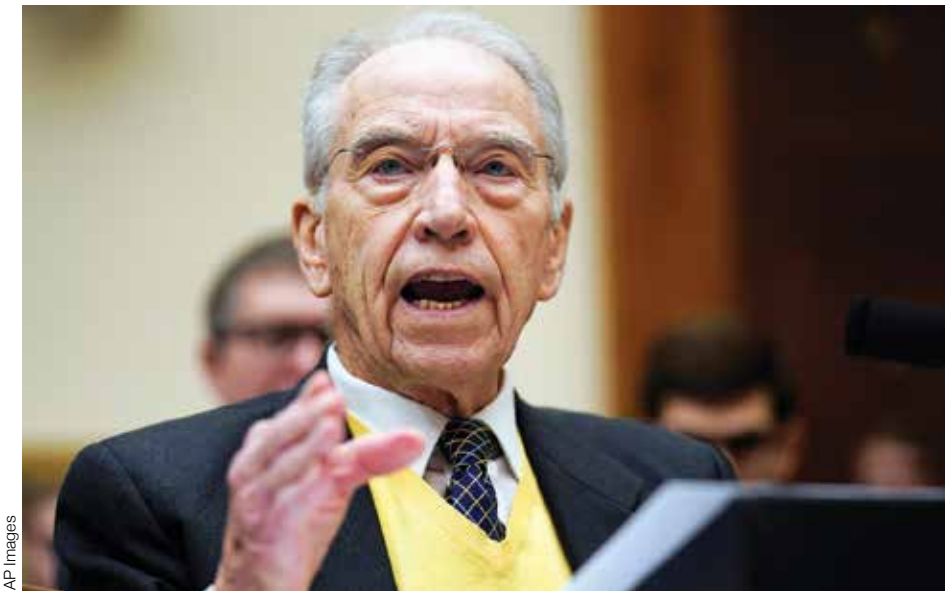
"We just have to demonstrate that he will not take power if he does run, making sure he — under legitimate efforts of our Constitution — does not become the next president again," Biden said in November.

Well, the political prosecution of Trump for taking documents that some convincingly argue he was entitled to keep seems to be what Biden meant.

If Donald John Trump is harpooned and sinks to the bottom of the sea, so go the rest of us. ■

FBI COVERUP PROTECTS BIDEN, STYMIES CONGRESS

The FBI refuses to give Congress an unredacted form containing incriminating allegations against Joe Biden. It's just one facet of the ongoing FBI-run Deep State protection racket.



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For the record: Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) revealed that a Ukrainian business associate of the Bidens had recorded multiple telephone calls with both Hunter and Joe Biden as an insurance policy against Biden retaliation. Whether the FBI has copies of those recordings is still not known.

by Steve Bonta

On Monday, June 15, Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) delivered a bombshell: The unredacted version of a certain FBI FD-1023 form, which Grassley and House Oversight Committee chair James Comer (R-Ky.) have both seen, alleges that a Ukrainian executive of Burisma Corporation has recordings of conversations with both Hunter Biden and Joe Biden, in which their corrupt quid pro quo dealings were discussed. Grassley was specific: The Burisma exec possesses 15 recordings of phone calls with Hunter Biden, and two more recordings of phone calls with the "big guy" himself, then-Vice President Joe Biden. The unnamed executive supposedly made the recordings as "a sort of insurance policy, in case he got into a tight spot," according to Grassley. Yet in the version of the FD-1023 that FBI Director Christopher Wray finally deigned to let House Oversight Committee members read last Friday, that information, along with large tracts of other incriminating text, had been redacted.

The following day, Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas), in a contentious back and forth with FBI Deputy Director Paul Abbate, accused the FBI of stonewalling over the Biden corruption allegations. When Cruz asked Abbate, repeatedly and directly, whether the FBI possessed the tape recordings mentioned by Senator Grassley, the deputy director refused to answer, saying he would not "get into that."

This latest episode in the protracted struggle between the House Oversight Committee and foot-dragging FBI officials has followed a familiar pattern: obstruct, deny, delay, and outright refuse to cooperate with congressional investigators — only to reluctantly half-comply when threatened with legal action (in this case, citation of FBI director Wray for contempt of Congress). While the furor over possible contempt proceedings has receded temporarily with Wray's having permitted all committee members to view the document, the FBI has still not complied with the congressional subpoena; the document has not been handed over to Congress unredacted, and neither have additional FD-1023s referenced in footnotes in this document, of whose existence Comer and other House Oversight Committee members had been totally unaware.

Federal Bureau of Intransigence

Why has the FBI been so extraordinarily uncooperative, seeking to thwart Congress at every turn? Such is the hubris of the investigative agency that it seemingly has forgotten that, having been created and funded by Congress, the FBI is subordinate to Congress, and not the other way around. Yet the same FBI and DOJ that have been aggressively hounding and persecuting Donald Trump for years on the flimsiest of pretexts (such as the farrago

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of hearsay and speculation in the Steele Dossier) have been ignoring all sorts of credibly damning evidence from highly paid, reliable informants that Joe Biden, while vice president, did in fact accept millions of dollars in bribes from malign foreign actors.

Naturally, the FBI maintains that the secrecy is justified in the interest of protecting their investigation and informants. But the investigation of Biden family bribery has been going on for many years — in stark contrast with the lightning speed with which the various Trump investigations, and now indictments, have been carried out. The allegations about Biden's unsavory connections to Ukraine's Burisma Corporation and China's CEFC likewise have been circulating for years, with the appearance of the Hunter Biden laptop in 2020 adding fuel to the fire. The FD-1023 that was finally revealed to the House Oversight Committee in June was originally produced sometime in 2020. In it, the informant alleged having had a conversation with an unnamed Burisma executive in 2015 or 2016 concerning that executive's relationship with Hunter and Joe Biden. The executive indicated that he had paid Hunter Biden and Joe Biden $5 million apiece, in exchange for getting a pesky Ukrainian prosecutor fired who was investigating Burisma for corruption. The executive went on to say that the payouts had been laundered through various banks and structured in such a way that it would take investigators "10 years" to track them, and also indicated that he had not paid "the big guy directly," according to congressmen who have seen the report. This last attribution is particularly telling, since the term "big guy," an apparent reference to Joe Biden himself, has turned up elsewhere; in one of the roughly 154,000 emails found on Hunter Biden's laptop, "J" (Hunter Biden business associate James Gilliar), on May 13, 2017, wrote the following regarding the disbursement of funds to Hunter and his associates from an alleged Chinese influence-peddling operation involving energy company CEFC:

> At the moment there's a provisional agreement that the equity will be distributed as follows
> 20 H
> 20 RW
> 20 JG
> 20 TB
> 10 Jim
> 10 held by H for the big guy?

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Partners in crime: Joe Biden and his son Hunter. Keeping criminal enterprises within the family is a storied tradition both in politics and in gangland.

In October 2020, soon after the Hunter Biden laptop came to light, another former associate of Hunter Biden's, Tony Bobulinski, came forward and confirmed that the "big guy" referenced by Gilliar was indeed Vice President Joe Biden. Moreover, Bobulinski turned over to FBI investigators all of his own correspondence and documents related to the Biden family. Among the Bobulinski correspondence was an urgent exchange on May 20, 2017, only a week after the "big guy" email, initiated by Gilliar on WhatsApp, in which he warns Bobulinski not to mention Joe Biden's involvement in the CEFC deal:

> Gilliar: "Don't mention Joe being involved, it's only when u are face to face, I know u know that but they are paranoid"
> Bobulinski: "OK they should be paranoid about things"
> Gilliar: "For real"

This is the type of evidence the FBI had accumulated by October 2020, yet they, and the rest of the Deep State, fearful that an unsavory "October surprise" might jeopardize their plans to elect Biden, quickly issued a letter, signed by more than 50 members of the intelligence community, declaring the Hunter Biden laptop a Russian disinformation ploy; this, despite the corroborating evidence produced by the likes of Bobulinski. The news media lapdogs rushed to propagate the Russian disinformation narrative far and wide, and that was that.

Until now. While the mainstream news media has been forced to concede reluctantly that, after all, the Hunter Biden laptop is genuine, they continue to willfully ignore the cascade of new evidence emanating from the House investigation, lavishing attention on the Trump indictments while insisting that the Biden corruption investigation is nothing more than a conspiracy theory.

Meanwhile, House Republicans such as Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and Comer, who are involved in the investigation, have indicated that the next step will be to subpoena more bank records and obtain the other FD-1023s now known to be in the FBI's possession. It is not clear whether the alleged Burisma Biden tapes exist at all, or whether, if they do, the FBI also has copies. But it seems likely that the ongoing investigation will continue to uncover evidence of criminal conduct by the commander in chief.

Corroborating evidence: Former Biden business associate Tony Bobulinski has confirmed that the "big guy" referenced in one of the emails found on Hunter Biden's laptop is, indeed, Joe Biden.

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Some of the members of the House Oversight Committee, such as freshman Anna Paulina Luna (R-Fla.), have already expressed the belief that the investigation will lead to Biden's impeachment. But some House members continue to express doubts. Representative Keith Self (R-Texas), for example, remarked on Fox Business that he believes that the Biden corruption may rise to the level of treason. But when pressed by host Maria Bartiromo as to whether impeachment was in the cards, Self replied that "we have a five point plan to impeach members of his cabinet, but the American people are not yet ready to impeach Biden. You saw it: zero minutes in the media about the Biden crime family. That's why. Because you cannot do that without the American people understanding the severity of the problem."

During the first two years of the big guy's presidency, the mainstream media completely ignored or ridiculed the "conspiracy theories" about the Biden influence-peddling, and the FBI and other intelligence entities dismissed the trove of evidence already available — even while they pursued Trump, his associates, and anyone even tangentially involved in the January 6 protest with a ferocity and vindictiveness unprecedented in American power politics. Even by the standards of the town where ruining people is a recreational activity, the palpable double standard between the Trumps and the Bidens had become appallingly obvious to all but the most tribalistic Democratic partisans.

Cascade of Evidence

Then came last fall's midterm elections in which, to nobody's surprise, the Republicans took control of the House and began to run to ground the many leads on the Biden crime syndicate. And the torrent of new incriminating evidence has surpassed everyone's expectations. Pointing up the deliberate inefficiency of the FBI's so-called investigations, the House Oversight Committee has already brought to light enough evidence to convict anyone not named Biden or Clinton many times over for graft, corruption, bribery, and possibly even treason, thanks to reams of bank records, Suspicious Activity Reports suggesting money laundering by Hunter and his associates, and, of course, the allegations contained in the FD-1023 that has finally been extracted from the FBI's cult of secrecy.

It must be borne in mind that FD-1023s in and of themselves, regardless of the reliability of the source, are merely allegations, and do not necessarily constitute hard evidence. After all, Igor Danchenko, one of the main sources for the Steele dossier, was also a confidential human source that the FBI and DOJ deemed highly credible, and was paid more than $200,000 for his services from 2017 through 2020. This very point is one that Trump's detractors like to make. The Intercept, for example, observed dismissively, "Top Republicans are now citing exactly the kind of evidence — a confidential human source relaying the unverified allegations of a Ukrainian business executive — that they dismissed as unreliable when it came to Trump and the dossier."

But unlike the Trump-Russia Collusion Hoax, which relied entirely upon hearsay and wild allegations by a shady cast of characters, the Biden corruption scandal allegations are backed by both testimony and hard evidence such as emails, text messages, numerous shell corporations, and bank transactions. The monies wired to more than 20 shell corporations controlled by various Biden family members and business associates from sources in Romania, Ukraine, and China all indicate money laundering on a very sophisticated scale. All of this evidence points clearly in the same direction, namely, that Joe Biden, while vice president, was the beneficiary of various elaborate pay-to-play influence-peddling schemes, orchestrated by Hunter and his associates with the complicity of at least three corrupt foreign governments.

Still, with many Republicans apparently fearful of a public and media backlash — not to mention a Kamala Harris presidency — it does not seem likely that impeachment proceedings to hold Biden properly accountable for his misconduct are anywhere near at hand.

And in the meantime, Communist China, Ukraine, and other countries will continue to cash in on their investment in Joe Biden. ■

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A better way: *The New American* proudly co-sponsored the international Better Way Conference that took place in the historic city of Bath, U.K. Nine panel discussions addressed issues related to Big Pharma, climate change, AI and transhumanism, thought control, electrosmog, "fake foods," and the WHO's power grab.

by Veronika Kyrylenko

The international grassroots organization World Council for Health (WCH) held its second annual Better Way Conference in Bath, U.K., June 1-4. According to the organizers, the goal of the event was to "further the creative collaboration that was begun in 2022, including how we can optimize our health and well-being, build conscious communities, use technology with discernment, restore our sovereignty, and connect and collaborate with others." *The New American* co-sponsored the event, and this writer was invited to co-host two of the nine panel discussions. In addition to that, *TNA* was able to interview 14 distinguished speakers. The interviews are available at *TheNewAmerican.com*

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Who's Building the Future?

Addressing political and economic powers in Davos in 2022, World Economic Forum (WEF) Chairman Klaus Schwab proclaimed, "The future is not just happening. The future is built by us, by a powerful community as you here in this room."

Behind this vision lies a dystopian reality that surpasses the aspirations of past dictators and tyrants. With the advent of modern technology, absolute control over every individual on Earth becomes an alarming possibility.

But there's more: The WEF boldly states that achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals could lead to a significant reduction in the global population, projecting a figure as low as 6.3 billion people by 2100. In other words, the globalist elites seek a world with fewer inhabitants.

The World Council for Health seems to agree with Schwab on one thing: The future is not "just happening." It can be built by freedom-loving individuals.

The conference attracted a diverse range of participants, including experts in health, law, and the environment; human-rights advocates; and media personalities. Attendees came together, both in person and online, driven by a shared commitment to personal responsibility in creating a better world.

The Great Awakening

As totalitarian as they were, the unprecedented Covid policies unleashed as a part of the Great Reset have become a blessing in disguise, as a powerful eye-opener as to how profoundly corrupt and ill-intentioned governments around the globe are — and have been.

"Some people kind of go through a phase where they have this notion that corruption was recent because they became aware of it recently. But I think many of you have realized that corruption was going on for as long as you've been practicing, for as long as you've been serving, you just didn't see it," said international educator Darren Deojee, adding, "As you look beyond the immediate fire that you're facing, there are many fires burning."

And what are these "fires"? They are pharmaceutical drugs that keep people sick; "fake foods" and insect diets; transhumanism and AI; the disastrous "climate change" agenda; central bank digital currencies; endless wars; censorship and

There are many reasons for creating a better way as an alternative to what the global elites have in mind, but the most crucial one is the need to combat the elites' profound anti-humanism.

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"Humanitarian catastrophe": Covid-19 vaccinations played a major role in excess mortality rates in Western countries, caused an epidemic of vaccine injuries, and contributed to long-haul Covid that the medical titans of the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (FLCCC) are treating with their new protocols, said Dr. Pierre Kory (shown here with the author).

propaganda as totalitarian mechanisms of thought control; and globalist attempts to centralize and weaponize healthcare.

Once you are aware of all these fires, make sure to extinguish them. Merely acknowledging the issues won't do much to save you.

Speaking with *The New American*, Neil Oliver, a popular British TV presenter, author, and master of ceremonies of the conference, described how he felt "desperately let down" by almost all of the influential figures he regarded as "heroes" before Covid "because they had not stepped up and said or done anything" to fight the onslaught against liberty. Being politically indifferent for most of his life, Oliver admitted that once the Covid debacle began, he felt "bad" for not being more engaged long before it started.

The idea of working to create a better future was voiced by many other keynote speakers and served as a motif for the event.

"This is a beautiful event, but if we go home on Monday, wherever home is, and we don't do anything, then we just sat there all weekend, patting each other on the back, saying, 'We are the enlightened ones,'" noted independent journalist and Houston mayoral candidate Derrik Broze, author of the book *How to Opt-Out of the Technocratic State*.

Existential Threats

There are many reasons for creating a better way as an alternative to what the global elites have in mind, but the most crucial one is the need to combat the elites' profound anti-humanism.

A gala dinner on the evening before the first day of the conference opened with a message from Holocaust survivor and human-rights advocate Vera Sharav, who reminded the audience how rapidly human-rights abuses can descend into genocide. "We are once again confronted by a real existential danger from which there will be no escape," she warned. The message was accompanied by the trailer of the recently published five-part documentary *Never Again Is Now Global*, in which Vera and fellow Holocaust survivors and their family members draw undeniable parallels between the totalitarian policies of Nazi Germany and the Covid mandates.

Depopulation and eugenics were also recognized as threats, for example, during a session dubbed "From Climate Change to Nature Nurture."

Describing the practical implementation of carbon "Net Zero" climate goals adopted by 70 countries, including China, the United States, and the European Union, Professor Emeritus Norman Fenton of the U.K. maintained that "apart from the extreme limitations on personal freedom and travel," the plan would "also mean either a colder and hungrier population or massive depopulation."

Speaking with *The New American*, Professor Fenton elaborated, saying that since we lack the technology to effectively capture carbon from the atmosphere, both food and energy production would have to be drastically curtailed in order to reduce atmospheric CO_2 levels, and there simply wouldn't be enough food and energy for all of us.

And the massive die-off the elites envision is already happening.

The central topic of the panel discussion dubbed "From Big Pharma to Real Health" was dedicated to the excess mortality occurring in Western nations across all age groups. For context, here are some key numbers, as reported by UnHerd:

> Covid death rates, overall excess deaths in all age groups in Europe in 2022 were as high as in 2020 and higher than 2021 — even in the oldest cohorts. Beyond Europe, the situation is much the same: Australia and New Zealand recorded, respectively, 16% and 9% more excess deaths than the historical average in 2022, while

in the United States, CDC data shows that the rate of non-Covid excess deaths in the first half of 2022 was even higher than in 2020 or 2021.

While there is no single explanation for this phenomenon, healthcare agencies in the United States attribute the uptick to Covid and call these "indirect pandemic deaths."

The speakers had a different view on the disturbing developments, and were not at all baffled as to why they were happening.

Pointing out the unprecedented rate of mortality among working-age Americans aged 18 to 64 and a dropping life expectancy over the past three years, Dr. Pierre Kory of the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (FLCCC) called the situation a "humanitarian catastrophe" that exploded in 2021. "You have to ask yourself, what made these workplaces and corporate offices so toxic and deadly?" Dr. Kory said, adding that on top of people dying in their prime, "millions of Americans have landed on disability since vaccine rollout." He called the Covid-19 vaccines "the most toxic and lethal medical intervention ever promulgated in history."

While Dr. Kory called the Covid vaccines a "failed experiment," Dr. Meryl Nass disagreed, maintaining that the U.S. government "knew exactly what they were doing" when rolling out these products on a massive scale, and knew what spike protein would do to the human body since coronavirus research had been funded since 1999.

Speaking with *The New American*, Canadian Dr. Mark Trozzi, a member of the steering committee of the WCH, referred to the Covid vaccination campaign as "mass poisoning." By all means, humanity needs to reject all future mRNA-based vaccines, including those for livestock, said Professor Karina Acevedo-Whitehouse of Mexico.

Population control is not new, and has been going on for many decades. Today, however, it can be carried out with the help of cutting-edge technology that would result in not only a much smaller population, but a fully controllable one as well.

In her speech on "From AI and Transhumanism to Being Human," Sharav pointed out "a continued series of stealth population reduction experiments [that] were conducted on unsuspecting people, primarily in economically underdeveloped countries," stressing that today, "this genocidal objective is global." She called the transhumanist desires of enhancing human ability and implementing a technocracy the main drivers of "eugenics on steroids." She warned of the possibility of the establishment of a two-tier society in which the majority of the population would be biologically controlled by an elite master class.

"Make no mistake," stressed British entrepreneur Laura Aboli, "the final goal is to eradicate humanity as we know it." To accept this dystopian, post-human future, people have been subjected to decades-long psychological conditioning, biological tampering, cultural grooming, and educational prepping, she said. Alluding to the false promises of transhumanism, Aboli pleaded, "We are not here to become God. We are here for God to experience life through us."

The closing discussion, titled "From One Health to Our Health," exposed how the World Health Organization (WHO) is constructing a legal infrastructure for a one-world government. This elitist dystopian vision is being facilitated through the insidious "One Health" approach woven into legally binding amendments to the International Health Regulations and the Pandemic Accord, both of which are currently in the works. Should these documents be adopted by governments worldwide, the consequences would be nothing short of catastrophic, as they would effectively surrender national sovereignty to the WHO.

All in all, revelations brought forth during three intense days of enlightening presentations and discussions have revealed a stark truth: It is now abundantly clear that our survival as free individuals and free nations necessitates a decisive and unwavering course of action.

In order to safeguard our very existence and secure a future worth living, the attendees were encouraged to adopt a resolute stance. The time for passive observation has long passed. The recipe for a better way can be distilled to these steps: Practice and defend individual sovereignty; assume personal responsibility for your life, health, and overall well-being; do not waver in your commitment to your core moral values, regardless of the immediate sacrifices that may be demanded; and practice peaceful noncompliance with dictatorial policies. With God's help and unyielding determination, there is a better future. ■

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"Mass poisoning" is how Dr. Mark Trozzi described the rollout of Covid-19 injections on a global scale.

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KISSINGER AT 100

More Than Half a Century of Treachery, Betrayal, and Treason

Globalist extraordinaire Henry Kissinger recently turned 100. Here we take an honest look at his record.

by William F. Jasper

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Henry Kissinger, the much-celebrated *eminence grise* of the globalist establishment, marked his 100th birthday on May 27. Media fanfare, commentary, bouquets, and brickbats poured forth as expected. Kissinger — former national security advisor and secretary of state, political savant, and globetrotting advisor-at-large to the world — is both revered and reviled by constituencies across the political spectrum like few other "elder statesmen" in history.

Many on the far left despise and castigate him at every opportunity. They charge that Kissinger's alleged anti-communist tendencies, combined with his amoral pragmatism and power lust, caused him to support right-wing dictatorships and to assist the overthrow of left-wing governments. Of course, attacks such as these from the America-hating Left automatically elicit support for Kissinger from many on the Right who should know better. There are the Wall Street crowd, the Permanent Government in Washington, and the elite "mainstream" media for whom Henry is a darling like no other. Presidents, prime ministers, dictators, movie stars, billionaires, and Fortune 500 CEOs seek to bask in his supposed brilliance. Governments, universities, and prestigious organizations shower him with accolades. Republican and Democratic politicos alike sing his praises.

On the other hand, MAGA conservatives — the GOP contingent not completely under the sway of RINOs, neocons, Fox News, and *National Review* — are more likely to place Kissinger somewhere between Machiavelli and Beelzebub in history's catalog of villains, even if the specific reasons for their antipathy are somewhat foggy. The fogginess is understandable, considering that for the past 50 years "Dr. K" has been the recipient of relentless whitewashing by the Deep State's public-relations machine, while evidence of his criminal deeds has been sent down the memory hole. Those old enough to recall his trail of treachery are dying off, while younger generations have been exposed only to the globalist hagiographies of "St. Henry" or the leftist demonologies of "Henry Diablo."

"An American Patriot Like None Other"

Even in-the-know "conservative" publications such as *The American Spectator* joined in the chorus of happy-birthday cheerleading for Dear Henry ("Henry Kissinger Turns 100"), calling him "An American patriot like none other." The *Spectator's* Francis P. Sempa writes that "above all, Henry Kissinger … has been an American patriot."

Really? Sempa, like many other Kissinger devotees, relies on and quotes from Dr. K's "magnificent memoirs" to demonstrate Henry's supposed love for America and utter disdain for the hate-America Left, who traduce

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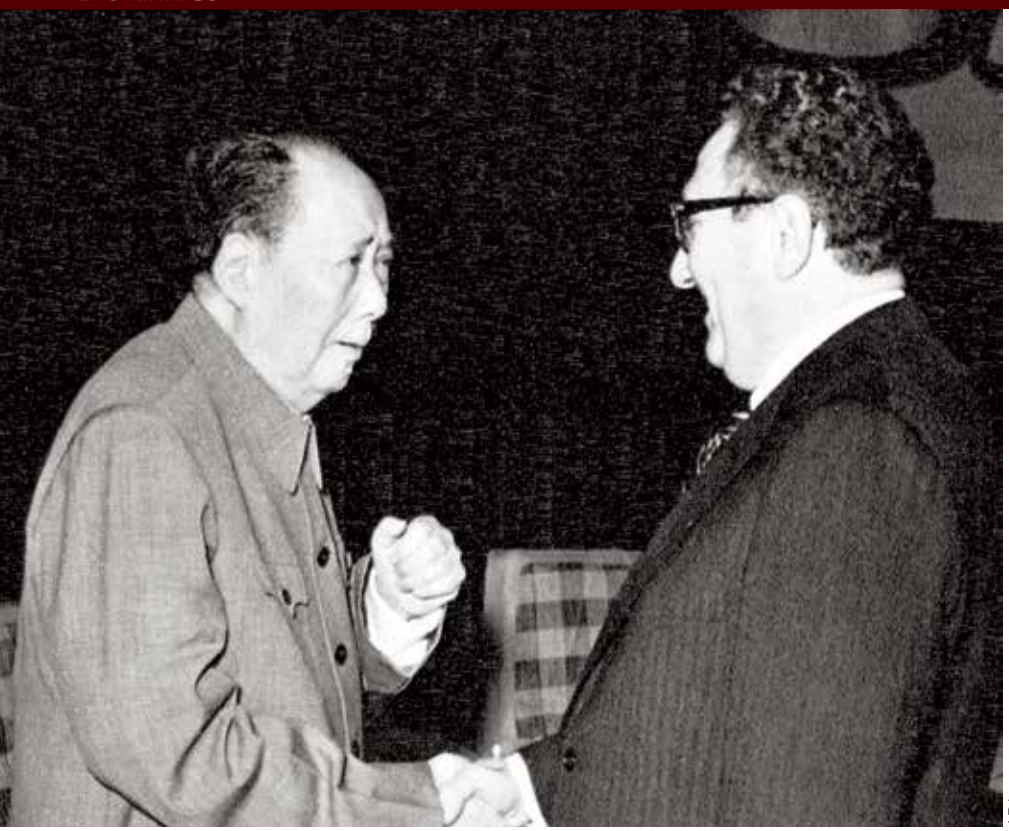

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China promoter: For decades, Kissinger has promoted Communist China to the West, helping China achieve its current economic and military power. Here he meets with brutal dictator Mao Zedong.

everything good about our country while siding with our enemies (such as the communist Viet Cong during the Vietnam War).

While all memoirs tend to be self-serving, Kissinger's ponderous memoir trilogy — at more than 5,000 pages — takes self-serving to a new level, along with historical revisionism. It is easy for Kissinger to make himself look heroic by contrasting himself with the communist SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) radicals who went to North Vietnam and shouted "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh, the Viet Cong are going to win!" The ranting, seething, screeching Marxist mobs are easy foils that the likes of Kissinger, Richard Nixon, and Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) adroitly exploit (with the help of their media allies) to falsely portray themselves as the guardians of America.

So, here, in the interest of correcting the gaping Orwellian memory hole in the public record of Herr Kissinger, we will provide an abbreviated indictment of a few of his abysmal deeds that properly should earn him everlasting ignominy, not the fawning honors that are regularly bestowed upon him.

Communist China: Betraying Its People, Building Our Enemy

British historian Niall Ferguson is the man Kissinger selected to write his official biography. Ferguson, who has been given unfettered access to troves of previously undisclosed files and documents, says, "I'm constantly reminded of how many crucial decisions were taken in the period when Kissinger was in office, but nowhere I think has his role had more profound consequences than in China."

Moreover, Ferguson importantly notes that Kissinger "was the only one individual who was involved at every juncture of US-China relations, from the very beginning right down to the present day." *From the very beginning right down to the present day*.

In other words, if you're looking for the architect most responsible for the past half-century of American policies that have transformed Communist China from a hopelessly backward, mass-murdering, totalitarian, Third World regime into a modern, nuclear armed, technologically advanced, mass-murdering, totalitarian, First World economic and military power, look no further than Henry Kissinger.

Yes, thanks to the amazing Dr. K, operating through both Republican and Democratic administrations — as well as through elite banking and business circles via his Kissinger & Associates — Communist China is now our nation's (and the world's) number one existential threat. He has helped the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) wage economic, political, social, and biological asymmetric warfare against us for decades. The following is but a small sampling of the innumerable ways Kissinger has aided the Beijing regime from Mao to Xi:

• Starting the ball rolling in 1971, Kissinger and his assistant, Winston Lord — later to be president of the Council on Foreign Relations, ambassador to China, and assistant secretary of state under President Bill Clinton — made their infamous secret trip to the People's Republic of China, meeting with communist leaders Mao Zedong and Zhou Enlai to open the way for U.S. aid and trade.

• At the time of this secret trip, China was in the midst of Mao's murderous Cultural Revolution, was (along with the Soviet Union) arming and aiding communist Ho Chi Minh's forces killing American soldiers in Vietnam, was supporting "anti-imperialist" (i.e., anti-American) movements around the world, and had been the mainstay of communist Kim Il Sung's forces that had killed 37,000 Americans in the Korean War.

• The Kissinger-Nixon 1971 rapprochement with Mao's China signaled to the pro-communist United Nations that it was time to boot the anti-communist Republic of China on Taiwan (our staunch ally in World War II and the Cold War) from its seat in the UN and the UN Security Council, to be replaced by Communist China.

• Mao's successor, Deng Xiaoping, was sold to the world by Kissinger as the man who would "reform" China, beginning the process of the massive transfer of America's manufacturing and technological base to China.

• When Deng showed his true Maoist hand with the murder of thousands of students during the June 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, Kissinger still supported him. When ABC's Peter Jennings asked him if the United States should impose sanctions and cut off military aid, Kissinger responded, "I wouldn't do any sanctions," and insisted on maintaining the same U.S.-China relationship. The following month he penned a column for the *Los Angeles Times* praising Deng and defending his murderous actions.

• On September 15, 1989, a *Wall Street Journal* article pointed out a clear conflict of interest in Kissinger's defense of Deng, noting that "Mr. Kissinger has unique business ties to the Deng regime — connections that had him on the verge of earning hundreds of thousands of dollars from a limited partnership set up to engage in joint business dealings with a ministry of the Chinese government." Kissinger has made many millions of dollars since that time in his dealings with the regime.

• On August 8, 2004, the CCP's Xinhua News Agency ran a glowing tribute to Deng titled, "Deng Xiaoping One of Greatest Men of 20th Century: Kissinger," brimming with quotes from Kissinger praising Deng.

• Kissinger has continued his promotion of the CCP and Xi Jinping, and continued transfers of technology and capital to China through his prominent roles in the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (NCUSCR), the World Economic Forum (WEF), and the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR).

Vietnam: Abandoning American POWs/MIAs, Betraying Allies

• Prior to his well-known role as Nixon's negotiator on Vietnam (for which Kissinger undeservedly received a Nobel Peace Prize), Kissinger had already been involved as an advisor to Democratic Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

• In 1965, Kissinger was invited by his "old friend" Henry Cabot Lodge (CFR), serving as Johnson's ambassador to South Vietnam, to tour Vietnam. Along with most of his globalist Democratic colleagues, Kissinger concluded that the war was unwinnable, even though he would go on to prolong that war and implement military "rules of engagement" that would guarantee the war would indeed be unwinnable by our side (and would be won by the communists).

• The Kissinger-Nixon slogan of "peace with honor" was just that, a campaign slogan. When Kissinger signed the Paris Accord in January 1973, he assured South Vietnam that we would still support them militarily, knowing full well he was turning them over to the communists. As declassified documents later revealed, a year earlier, while meeting Mao and Zhou in February 1972, he had informed them that if the United States was able to live with a great communist country such as China, it could also live with a small communist country such as Vietnam.

• Kissinger asked the North Vietnamese communists to hold off taking over South Vietnam until a "decent interval" had given him respectable cover.

• Kissinger stage-managed the 1973 Operation Homecoming, in which nearly 600 American POWs were returned from Vietnam, while more than 2,400 (and perhaps as many as 5,000) remained unaccounted for, with good evidence that many of them were still alive in captivity. But Kissinger insisted on closing the books on them.

• Kissinger had promised in the Paris Accord a multibillion-dollar "reparations" program for Communist Vietnam in exchange for our POWs, knowing full well that Congress would not approve the funding, seeing it as extortion and an unacceptable admission of U.S. war guilt — especially after returning POWs revealed the horrendous tortures they had suffered.

• Kissinger's treachery in betraying our POWs is recounted in many sources, such as *An Enormous Crime: The Definitive Account of American POWs Abandoned in Southeast Asia* (2007) by former Congressman Bill Hendon and attorney Elizabeth A. Stewart (whose father is MIA in North Vietnam); *The Men We Left Behind: Henry Kissinger, the Politics of Deceit and the Tragic Fate of POWs After the Vietnam War* (1993) by Mark A. Sauter and James D. Sanders, and "An Examination of U.S. Policy Toward POW/MIAs" by the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Republican Staff.

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Friend or foe? While Kissinger worked under President Richard Nixon and is often portrayed as a Nixon ally, in truth he helped sabotage Nixon and pave the way for Nixon's ouster.

• Kissinger's "peace" turned Vietnam politically and ideologically Red, as well as physically *blood* red, as 100,000 or more were executed by the new communist masters. Up to a million more were sent to brutal "reeducation" camps, where many died. Another estimated 200,000-250,000 Vietnamese died at sea as "boat people," desperately attempting to escape the totalitarian regime.

• In neighboring Cambodia, the communist Khmer Rouge (backed by Red China and the Soviet Union) killed an estimated 1.5 million to 3 million victims, following the Kissinger "peace" agreement.

Watergating Nixon to Put Rockefeller in the White House

• In his books, Kissinger postures as a Nixon loyalist, but he was a Nixon backstabber. He was always a better fit with the Democrats and the Rockefeller Republican internationalists. He detested the genuine anti-communists in the Republican Party, and in August 1968 wrote to Averell Harriman, who was then leading the American delegation at the Paris peace talks, "My dear Averell … I am through with Republican politics. The party is hopeless and unfit to govern."

• When President Nixon offered him the plum prize of national security advisor, Kissinger initially balked, but reconsidered when Nelson Rockefeller (his old boss and mentor) insisted he take it.

• Nelson Rockefeller, who had been unsuccessful in repeated attempts to win the GOP nomination (in 1960, 1964, and 1968), saw Kissinger as his key to eventually winning the White House, which he almost achieved, through an elaborate chess game in which Kissinger was his inside man.

• The Rockefeller cabal orchestrated a scandal involving alleged corruption by Nixon's Vice President Spiro Agnew, and Kissinger and his torpedo Alexander Haig pressured Agnew to resign.

• With Agnew out, Nixon appointed Rockefeller ally Representative Gerald Ford to fill the vice-presidential slot.

• According to multiple insiders, including Nixon's White House Counsel John Dean, it was Kissinger and Rockefeller who schemed to set up the "Plumbers," the group responsible for the Watergate burglary (intentionally botched with the help of the CIA, then controlled by Kissinger and his pal Richard Helms), which guaranteed Nixon's ouster.

• Kissinger put Rockefeller agent David Young in charge of the Plumbers, and Secret Service chief Robert H. Taylor, who played a key role in bugging the White House and producing the Watergate tapes, would move on to become the head of private security for the Rockefeller family.

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True colors: Kissinger (shown with Nelson Rockefeller) was more aligned with the Rockefeller camp than with Nixon, and worked with the Rockefeller Commission in its investigation of the CIA, which was little more than a whitewash.

• After Nixon resigned, Ford became president and nominated Rockefeller to be his vice president. His confirmation hearings revealed that he had given large financial rewards to Kissinger. Nonetheless, he was confirmed by both houses of Congress and for three years was within a heartbeat of the Oval Office, which he had coveted throughout his adult life.

Building the CIA Into the Deep State's Surveillance State

• Kissinger was the architect of President Nixon's 1971 reorganization of the Intelligence Community that resulted in Kissinger being placed in supreme command of U.S. intelligence as head of the National Security Council (NSC) and chairman of virtually every committee on the council. The director of the CIA, secretary of defense, and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff reported directly to him.

• When he was named secretary of state, he continued also as head of the NSC, the first person ever to hold both of these top offices at the same time. All intelligence information that went to the president of the United States was funneled through Kissinger. He appointed and elevated a slew of security risks and CFR globalists to top positions, which foreshadowed much of the crisis we are now experiencing with the likes of John Brennan, James Clapper, James Comey, Peter Strzok, et al.

• Kissinger's engineering of the palace coup against Nixon and Agnew (who were Rockefeller internationalists but, nevertheless, stood in the way of globalist ambitions) provided a foretaste of the Shadow Government coup efforts decades later against Donald Trump.

• Kissinger succeeded in getting President Ford to appoint Nelson Rockefeller to head a commission to investigate the CIA (known as the Rockefeller Commission), which was akin to placing Dracula in charge of the blood bank. Rockefeller then allowed Kissinger to edit the commission's report, which (sur-

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Russian ally: Kissinger has had close ties to many Soviet/Russian leaders, including Vladimir Putin — so much so that he has been accused of being a Soviet agent.

prise!) was a whitewash. Among the important information expunged was information on Soviet espionage in the United States and penetration of our government.

Détente, SALT, ABM Treaty, Helsinki Accords

• Belying his false anti-communist image, Kissinger not only assisted China in unparalleled fashion, but also aided the Soviet Union's push for strategic military advantage and global conquest.

• Pushing his concept of "détente" (lessening of tension) with communist leaders, Kissinger boosted the Soviets' nuclear advantage and dramatically lessened ours with the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) Treaty and the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty.

• The Helsinki Final Act (also known as the Helsinki Accords), co-authored by Kissinger and his Soviet comrades and signed in 1975 by President Ford, was a complete betrayal of Soviet-occupied Eastern and Central Europe: Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, etc.

• When Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, slave-labor camp survivor and author of *The Gulag Archipelago*, came to the United States, Kissinger and his NSC apparatchik Brent Scowcroft (CFR) convinced President Ford not to meet with him because it might offend Leonid Brezhnev and the Soviet Politburo.

Shilling for the New World Order/Great Reset/World Government

• As noted above, Kissinger has been tightly tied to the Rockefeller dynasty, working closely as a protégé of both David and Nelson Rockefeller since the 1950s.

• He is a longtime director of the Council on Foreign Relations (of which David Rockefeller was chairman and chairman emeritus), a lifetime trustee of the Trilateral Commission (founded by David Rockefeller), a Steering Committee member of Bilderberg, and a leading light of the World Economic Forum (whose founder, Klaus Schwab, extols Kissinger as his inspiration). These and related groups openly promote a "New World Order" and a "Great Reset" that would bring about world government in union with communist regimes under the United Nations. Kissinger has been and remains their most famous advocate.

Henry Kissinger: Soviet Agent?

In the early 1960s, before Kissinger had risen to prominence, one of the most important Soviet agents ever to defect, General Michael Goleniewski, named Kissinger as a Soviet agent who had been recruited into the KGB while stationed in Germany as a U.S. Army sergeant in World War II.

Goleniewski had provided thousands of pages of top-secret Soviet documents and hundreds of pages of Soviet intelligence reports, and unmasked some of the most important Soviet spies and double agents in the West, including George Blake, Stig Wennerstron, Kolon Molody, and Ernst Bosenhard.

The believability of Goleniewski's allegations is reinforced by Kissinger's own record, as briefly outlined above, as well as by his associations and the people he appointed and elevated, including KGB agent and "journalist" Victor Louis, KGB agent and "journalist" Wilfred Burchett, KGB agent and ambassador Anatoliy Dobrynin, General William Hall, Ambassador David Popper, SALT man Boris Klosson, NSC pal Helmut Sonnenfeldt, and Ambassador Leonard Unger, to name but a few.

There is much more about Kissinger's career that goes beyond being merely "concerning." There are, for instance, his strange relationships with Mikhail Gorbachev, Vladimir Putin, Yevgeniy Primakov (Moscow's longtime KGB master of Middle East terrorism), and PLO terror chief Yasser Arafat. In the case of Arafat, Kissinger intervened to cover up the fact that the PLO chief had ordered and planned the 1973 Black September terrorist attack on Khartoum, Sudan, and had personally ordered the torture and execution of U.S. Ambassador Cleo Noel, U.S. chargé d'affaires George Moore, and Belgian diplomat Guy Eid.

Far from celebrating Henry Kissinger's longevity, Americans should feel obligated to demand an official accounting of his misdeeds and his decades of treacherous aid to the enemies of freedom. ■

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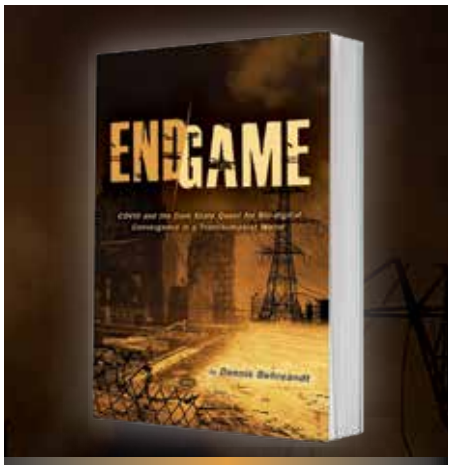

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Josh Alexander: Teen Arrested for Saying There Are Only Two Genders

by Rebecca Terrell

Canadian high-schooler Josh Alexander has never been a rebellious teen. But he's been suspended from school several times and arrested twice, simply because he defends Christian principles and believes that "God created man in His own image … male and female He created them."

Unfortunately, Biblical authority espoused in the Book of Genesis doesn't carry much weight in these days of gender dysphoria, not even in the halls of Saint Joseph Catholic School in Renfrew, Ontario. When Josh defended female classmates against the school's so-called transgender bathroom policy late last year, school officials first suspended him and then placed onerous conditions on his return. Finally, on February 6, they called the cops. Officers with the Ontario Provincial Police arrested Josh on a charge of trespassing at his own school.

They suspended him for the rest of his junior year, and he has no idea what next year holds. In the meantime, he has become a celebrity in conservative and Christian circles, appearing in countless interviews including a short spot on Fox News' Tucker Carlson Tonight (prior to Carlson's ousting). But he was able to fill in ample details during a recent appearance on David Freiheit's *Viva Frei* podcast.

In the current culture, "just being a Christian and upholding your values means you have to be rebellious," he told Freiheit.

A Patriot Is Born

It's a role to which Josh has become accustomed, having launched into activism during seventh grade when his public school played a disrespectful version of the Canadian national anthem. He won that first campaign for a respectful rendering, but admits it was not a particularly controversial topic.

That would change over the course of the next two years. When he was 14, Covid lockdowns and mandates began to cripple his country and his education. The end of his eighth-grade year he spent online; in ninth grade students had to wear masks and socially distance — rules he thought were "crazy."

About the same time, the Canadian residential-school tragedy began making headlines. This refers to a system of boarding schools, established by the government in the late 19th century to assimilate native Canadian children into the broader culture. The schools are now synonymous with abuse, neglect, and starvation.

In 2021, excavators discovered remains believed to be those of 215 children at a former residential facility in British Columbia. Schools across the country responded by lowering their Canadian flags to half-staff and announced the banners would remain so for more than half a year — one day for each child-victim.

That was too much for Josh. Though he acknowledged lowering the flags for a short time to be an appropriate sign of respect, "this was a violation of the flag code," he told Freiheit. With "crazy" Covid strictures already demoralizing the country, he

Earning a reputation: High school junior Josh Alexander has earned the nickname "Freedom" among schoolmates for arguing with teachers in defense of traditional values.

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could not remain silent. "We didn't lower [the flags] for each individual soldier who has died for our country." He reasoned that keeping them lowered daily cheapens the value of the gesture.

So, Josh and a few of his friends decided to raise the flag at their school each day, and they continued doing so, though the administration kept lowering it and threatening suspensions. "This went on for months," he remembers. "And I told them I'd keep doing it unless they gave me a forum to address my concerns."

A board meeting ensued, and Josh challenged the unprecedented policy. "The flags went up all across the board the next day!" he exults.

But that was not the end of his adventures. In January 2022, the Freedom Convoy began its trek from British Columbia's Pacific Coast to the nation's capital of Ottawa. Its cries for medical freedom struck a patriotic note with Josh, who organized student protests in conjunction with the convoy.

Ontario is no stranger to this type of demonstration. In 2019, Chatelaine.com reported, "More than 100,000 students participated in a province-wide walkout," protesting Premier Doug Ford's proposed education funding cuts. Last year, Toronto's CityNews tallied "more than 50 schools in Ontario [that] planned to take part" in walkouts protesting the *end* of mask mandates. Josh says there have been other demonstrations for causes such as "BLM" and "gay rights."

But he was organizing protests against Covid *restrictions*, and he was gaining traction. His social-media posts spread like wildfire; students from British Columbia to Nova Scotia caught the fever. However, the backlash was harsh. "I spent hours in the office," he recalls. "I was suspended a number of times." His public-school principal even called the Ontario Provincial Police, but they told him that Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms allows Josh to hold peaceable assemblies.

New Beginning

With the start of his junior year in the fall of 2022, Josh decided to "get a fresh start" at St. Joseph's. The honeymoon was nonetheless short-lived, as he quickly learned that many teachers were pushing "woke" ideologies in their Catholic classrooms. Within a short time, he earned the nickname "Freedom" among schoolmates for arguing with teachers in defense of traditional values.

One example involved a spontaneous debate in math class, when a teacher defended male breast feeding. "I said that male breast feeding was pedophilia," he recalls. "That didn't go over very well."

A transgender student jumped up, shouting and insisting that a person can be whatever gender he chooses. Josh remained seated and quietly affirmed that male and female are the only choices and that "you're born one or the other."

The teacher also lost his temper and began yelling. He asked Josh to explain the pedophilia comment. "For one, you're shouting about children's sexuality while you're in math class," he responded. "And secondly you're endorsing — and it got pretty awkward in the class when I said it but it needed to be said — I said you're now endorsing a man forcing a baby to suck his nipples," Josh recalled on Freiheit's show.

With that, the conversation ended rather awkwardly, and nothing else was said about it for the time being. But it would come up again, several weeks later and only two days prior to a protest he had planned in defense of his female classmates' right to bathroom privacy.

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"If the world hates you…": Authorities have twice arrested 17-year-old Josh Alexander, though he has broken no law in his defense of Biblical principles.

Principal Despises Principles

Josh's pushback did not begin with an organized protest. At first he simply brought the matter to school administrators' attention. However, the response was incredible. Instead of defending female students, the principal told Josh that "trans" students are females, too. When Josh pointed out the anatomical differences, the principal responded, "That's your opinion."

The latter went on to claim that we no longer live in a world of absolutes, and that he was not going to pursue an in-

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Freedom convoy: Truckers trekked across Canada in early 2022, rallying freedom-lovers from British Columbia to Nova Scotia to protest Covid lockdowns and mandates.

dividual student's personal crusade. So Josh persuaded one of the girls to come forward. When the principal ignored her appeal, too, Josh decided to hold a protest.

Just two days before the planned event, school officials suspended him, not (they said) for the protest, but because of the male breast-feeding incident. He was out for 20 days for bullying the transgender student who had leapt from his desk and shouted at Josh that day.

The suspension lasted until just before Christmas break, after which the school placed conditions on Josh's return. First, he would not be allowed to attend math or religion class, but would remain in an isolated room to complete assignments. He was also banned from speaking to two students he had supposedly harassed: the transgender student and another individual whom Josh says he did not even know.

Josh refused the terms, and his attorney with the Liberty Coalition of Canada informed the school that he would be returning and attending all classes. The school took that as a threat, and alleged that Josh's presence would be detrimental to the physical and mental well-being of certain students and staff. The administration issued an exclusion order — a non-disciplinary suspension based not on a punishable offense but on their labeling him a threat.

Regardless, Josh reported to school the next day and completed all classes despite harassment from school officials. But when he arrived home, he received a message that the school had issued him a trespassing notice through the end of the semester, as well as another five-day suspension. It also meant that he would lose credits for the semester.

Worse, once the new semester began this year, Josh found out that the administration's malice remained unsatisfied. The school still said he was a threat and issued another exclusion order, this time until the end of the year. When he showed up for class, he ended up in the principal's office. Within minutes, Ontario provincial police officers arrived and told Josh that he was trespassing and would have to leave.

"I explained to them that I didn't have a trespassing notice. I only had this unlawful exclusion order," Josh remembers. "And I said, 'If you choose to arrest me, I'm not going to resist, but I'm also not going to leave the building upon a request. This is unlawful. It's discriminatory. I'm here to go to class. Should you arrest me for attending class, that's on you.'"

They did not put handcuffs on him, but they put him in their cruiser and gave him a trespassing charge. "They ended up handing me off to my brother," Josh said. "I didn't get booked." The police didn't even take him to their station but dropped him off on the side of the road. "It was a joke of an arrest," he said.

But two days later, Josh was back in a police cruiser. He had organized a protest outside a local arts center that was hosting a drag queen story hour. Though he had coordinated plans with a police liaison, counterprotesters showed up and attacked Josh and his small group of friends, who were quoting scripture outside the facility.

Instead of arresting the assailants, police detained Josh and his brother — slapping them with "failure to leave premises" charges, which have since been dropped. "They held me in the back of the cruiser for two hours," he relates. "Then they drove me off and dumped me on the side of the road."

Police never contacted his parents, but Josh says they confiscated $600 in camera equipment that was never returned. In fact, police now deny taking it, though video footage contradicts that claim.

Now, Josh stays busy operating his "Save Canada" group. Supporters can sign petitions backing their work at CampaignLifeCoalition.com and at his legal fund, LibertyCoalitionCanada.com.

"It's not that I'm rebellious. I just have traditional views, and I'm not going to compromise, especially when it affects young people. They're being indoctrinated," he avows. "I speak out against these things because it's the right thing to do." ■

Out With the Old

Marine Corps veteran Fred Collins came home to a surprise on his front porch: a new Marine Corps flag to replace his old, worn-out one.

Collins, who served in the Marine Corps from 1987 to 1993, proudly flies his Marine Corps flag outside of his home. He was just returning from his usual daily walk with his dog, Summit, on Memorial Day when he spotted a bag on his front porch. Attached was an anonymous note from a neighbor explaining that his grandfather was also in the Marine Corps. He noticed Collins' flag was a bit run down, so he went out and bought Collins a new flag.

Collins said he was overwhelmed by the surprise.

"I mean, I almost had tears coming to my eyes trying to read this note out. It was really amazing," he said. "I couldn't help but go on to social media and post it because, I mean, you just don't see these random acts of kindness anymore."

The surprise prompted Collins to also replace his American flag with a new one. He retired his worn Marine Corps flag properly, he told Fox43.

The act of kindness also inspired Collins to be on the lookout for others in his neighborhood who may need a new flag.

Good as New

Eighth grader Navene Town of Otsego, Michigan, has been cleaning and restoring veterans' headstones for free.

Years ago, Navene found the grave of his five-times great uncle while completing a family tree project for school and thought, "No one should have that dirty of a headstone." From that, a business was born: Navene Cleans Headstones.

Navene wanted to learn how to properly clean headstones without causing damage, so he took classes and became certified to do the job, WZZM 13 reported. He has posted photos and videos of himself at work.

He typically charges $20 per job, and has cleaned almost 150 headstones. But when it comes to veterans' headstones, Navene performs the service for free.

"Cleaning headstones is taking care of something someone cares about. When I see ones that are dirty or broken I feel sad. No one should have a dirty headstone," he said.

Navene said he would like to be remembered for his good deeds. In addition to performing his cleaning services for veterans for free, he donates a portion of his proceeds to cancer research.

To the Rescue

When Jonathan McCray was driving down a neighborhood street in Kenner, Louisiana, he saw smoke billowing out of one of the houses and immediately sprang into action, 11 Alive reported.

According to the Kenner Fire Department, there were 15 people inside the house, most of whom were children as the home serves as a residential, in-home daycare. Not only did McCray rescue the people inside, but he even pulled dogs out of the house.

McCray recalled, "I just went into survival, help everybody out man, that was really it. My car was still running, I didn't even turn my car off or nothing, I just ran in there and started grabbing people."

The homeowner, Patricia Chaney, 69, said she smelled something burning but could not locate the source of the smell. It was then that McCray knocked on the door to help get people out. Chaney's son, Jack Morris, was also in the house at the time, and when he heard the commotion, he jumped in alongside McCray to help save the children and pets.

McCray said that though he was afraid of the fire, he believed he would be able to help before it got really bad.

"I know I had the opportunity before it got bad. It was just starting, it was maybe two/three minutes in so I knew I had time to get in there, by the time I got in there, the smoke started getting real thick," he explained. "I was grabbing everybody and just pulling them and grabbing them dogs and throwing them out the door, it was a lot."

Neighbor Carolyn Ursin, 59, said Chaney is a wonderful support in the neighborhood, caring for residents' children, including Ursin's now-teenage children when they were younger, according to NOLA.com. Ursin has also been doing her part to assist Chaney, who is unable to return to her home after the fire, by attempting to round up supplies that need to be replaced.

Ursin said, "We've got to get clothes, diapers, everything. We need to help them."

A Birthday to Remember

Strangers and first responders in Loveland, Colorado, helped to salvage a little girl's fifth birthday party when none of her invited guests showed up.

Marlowe Hadley's mother, Nichole Danielle, invited Marlowe's entire class to her May 20 birthday party, KDVR reported, and was shocked when no one from the class arrived at the park where the party was set.

"We invited my 5 year old's entire class to her birthday party and not a single kid showed up," Danielle posted on the Lovelanders Facebook group page along with a photo of a picnic table holding several birthday presents. "So if you've got kids and you're hungry and have nothing to do we'll be here at North Lake Park pavilion #3 for a couple more hours. We've got burgers and hot dogs going!"

One mom who saw the post arrived at the park with her three daughters. She was moved by Danielle's post after having experienced something similar.

And much to Danielle's surprise, multiple first responders also came to wish Marlowe a happy birthday.

"Patrol officers, a police chaplain and co-responders along with Thompson Valley EMS and Loveland Fire Rescue Authority attended the party and were able to give Marlowe a few gifts and sing her a very happy birthday!" the Loveland Police Department wrote in a social media post on May 20. The post featured a photo of a smiling Marlowe surrounded by first responders.

Danielle later posted on the Lovelanders page to thank everyone who helped save Marlowe's birthday party. ■

— Raven Clabough

Leonidas of Sparta
Ancient Fighter for Freedom

The story of Leonidas and the "300 Spartans" shows that a small, determined resistance can make a difference in the fight against tyranny.

by Fr. James Thornton

Upon the defeat of the Persians at the Battle of Marathon, King Darius of the Persian Empire came to believe that his failure to conquer the Greeks was the result of insufficient forces committed to the expedition. Convinced that with a larger army the Greeks could be vanquished, he laid plans for a new campaign. However, his plans were interrupted by a revolt in Egypt, which occupied him until his death in 486 B.C. His successor and son, Xerxes I, continued the work of suppressing the revolt, since Egypt was an important province of the Persian Empire. However, the new Persian king was not initially enthusiastic about another war against the Greeks. His chief advisor and cousin, Mardonius, nevertheless continued to pressure him. Herodotus quotes him as telling the king, "Master, it is not fitting that they of Athens escape scot-free, after doing the Persians such great injury. Complete the work which thou hast now in hand, and then, when the pride of Egypt is brought low, lead an army against Athens. So shalt thou thyself have good report among men, and others shall fear hereafter to attack thy country." Herodotus suggests that Mardonius' true motive was that "he longed for adventure, and hoped to become satrap of Greece under the king."

Xerxes' uncle Artabanus, not wishing to see his nephew take unnecessary risks, argued to the contrary: "I counselled thy father, Darius, who was my own brother, not to attack the Scyths, a race of people who had no town in their whole land. He thought however to subdue those wandering tribes, and would not listen to me, but marched the army against them, and ere he returned home lost many of his bravest warriors. Thou art about, O king, to attack a people far

Hero of history: Although the Oracle of Delphi predicted his death in battle against the Persians, Leonidas, king of Sparta, heroically led his warriors at Thermopylae to save his country from conquest.

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superior to the Scyths, a people distinguished above others both by land and sea."

Xerxes found the counsel of his cousin Mardonius more convincing and, upon completion of the suppression of the Egyptian revolt, set out to assemble a mighty host to crush the Greeks once and for all. That task took him four years. Every province of the empire was bidden to contribute its quota of soldiers along with equipment and supplies, all of which the king gathered together at Sardis, in western Asia Minor.

In Sardis there lived a very wealthy man, Pythius, a descendant of Croesus, the last king of Lydia. Pythius offered Xerxes a generous gift of money to help finance the war against Greece, which Xerxes declined, instead rewarding Pythius with a gift of 7,000 gold Darics. Shortly before the march on Greece, there occurred an eclipse, which suddenly darkened an otherwise sunny day. This greatly upset Xerxes, thinking it an ill omen, until his Magi assured him that the omen was directed at the Greeks, who would soon lose their great cities to Xerxes' conquering armies. To Pythius, however, the eclipse signified catastrophe for the Persians. He had given his five sons as soldiers to Xerxes' forthcoming campaign, and suddenly was worried about their safety. Consequently, he approached Xerxes, asking if his eldest son might stay behind so that he would have someone to care for him in his old age. Xerxes, furious at Pythius' request and interpreting it as a loss of faith in the king's plans, which to Xerxes was a type of treason, responded by telling him that his punishment would be the forfeiture of his eldest son's life. The king ordered the son of Pythius executed, then cut in half, with the two halves of the body placed on either side of the road on which the great army marched off to war.

Remarkably, Xerxes ordered a pontoon bridge built across the Hellespont, from Abydos on the Asian side to Sestos on the European side. The first of these bridges was swept away by a storm, but the second, which was actually two bridges next to one another, held firm. According to accounts, it took seven days and nights for Xerxes' army to cross it. Herodotus estimated the size of the Persian army at five million men. Modern historians agree that it was no more than a tenth that size, or even less, which, in that age, was nonetheless gigantic.

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This means war: Despite a warning by his uncle, Artabanus, to not risk another war against the Greeks, Xerxes followed the advice of his cousin, Mardonius, who hoped to become satrap, or ruler, over a defeated Greece.

Accompanying the army was a navy of some 1,207 triremes and 3,000 supply and transport vessels that followed along the coast more or less parallel with the advance of the ground forces. During the first Persian invasion of Greece, a storm around the Mount Athos Peninsula cost the Persian navy 300 ships and 20,000 men. To avoid another such setback, Xerxes ordered a canal cut through the Athos Peninsula as part of the preparation for the campaign. The canal took three years to dig and, when completed, was sufficiently wide to allow two triremes to pass through side by side. Traces of the canal still exist.

Strategic Alliance

Leonidas, third son of King Anaxandridas, ascended the throne of Sparta in 490 B.C. as the 17th king of the Agiad line, a dynasty believed to have descended from Heracles, the godlike hero of Greek mythology.

The Greeks were, of course, fully aware of the aggressive plan of Xerxes and that a new invasion was coming. In fact, Xerxes himself had sent heralds ahead to many Greek cities, proclaiming his intensions and demanding a gift of earth and water from each, the earth and water signifying their submission to him. And indeed, as the Persian horde approached, many of the smaller Greek city-states, wishing to avoid ruin, acquiesced to Persian overlordship or declared neutrality. Athens and Sparta led the resistance and were joined by other city-states. Those city-states that formed the resistance met in congress at Corinth, where it was agreed that, given the threat posed by Xerxes, the fratricidal wars and feuds among the Greeks must end and that only through unity — albeit temporary unity — could Greece be saved. They would form an alliance to preserve Greek liberty. The Spartans sought to understand better what should be done by consulting the Oracle of Delphi. According to Herodotus, the prophecy of the Oracle, more than likely apocryphal, read as follows:

> O ye men who dwell in the streets of broad Lacedaemon!
>
> Honor the festival of the Carneia!! Otherwise,
>
> Either your glorious town shall be sacked by the children of Perseus,
>
> Or, in exchange, must all through the whole Laconian country
>
> Mourn for the loss of a king, descendant of great Heracles.
>
> He cannot be withstood by the

courage of bulls nor of lions,
Strive as they may; he is mighty as Jove; there is nought that shall stay him,
Till he have got for his prey your king, or your glorious city.

In other words, Sparta (also known in ancient times as Lacedaemon) would either lose its king, or see its city conquered and destroyed and its people enslaved or driven away.

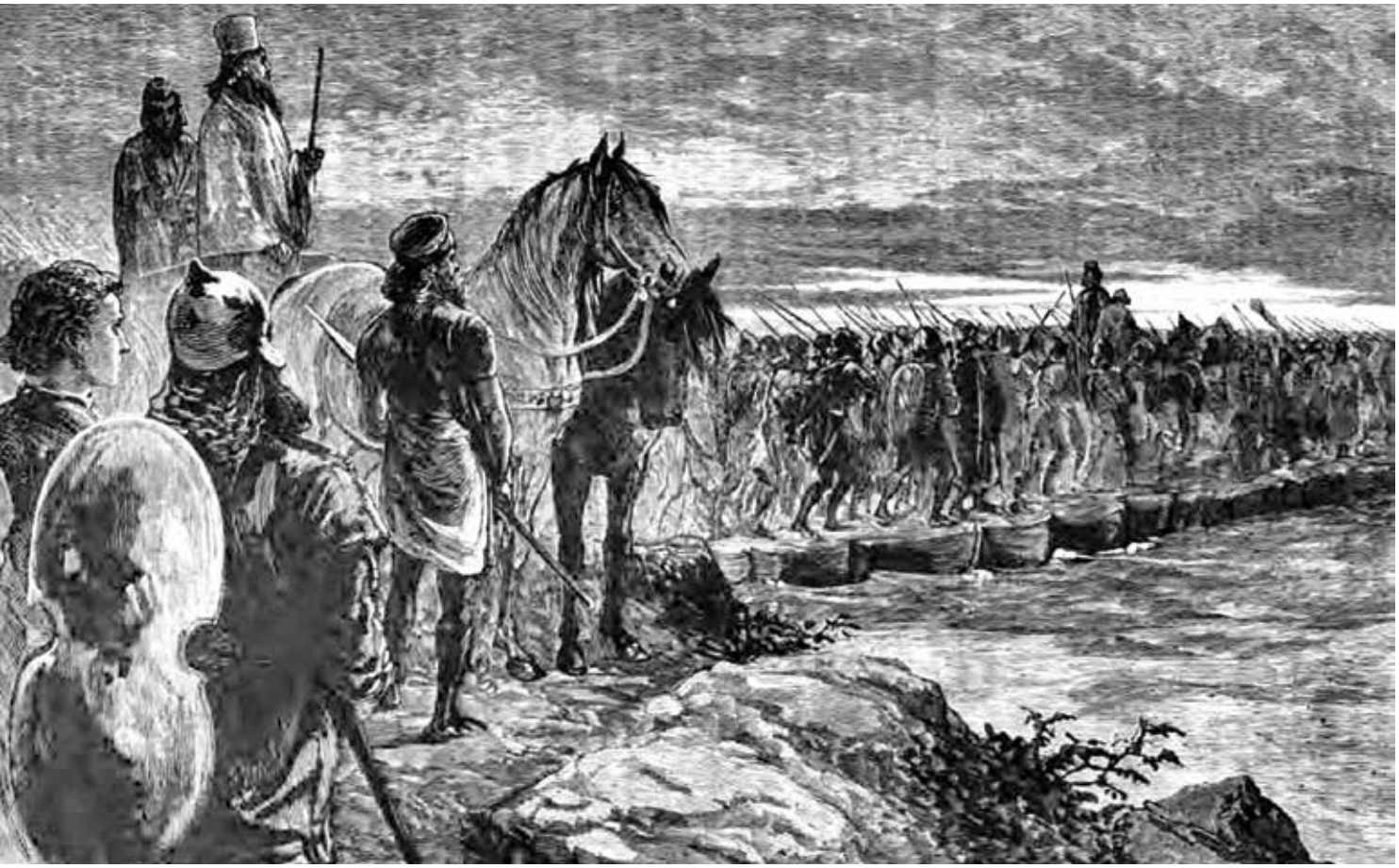
As the Persian forces moved slowly down Greece's eastern coast, the Greeks realized that the Persians would have to travel through the narrow pass at Thermopylae on the southern coast of the Gulf of Malia. At that time, the pass was only about 50 feet in width between the steep mountains on one side and the sea on the other. Here, with determined warriors, it was believed that Xerxes could be halted, or at least delayed for some time. Leonidas led 300 Spartan hoplites along with 6,700 allied soldiers to defend the pass.

Molon Labe

At Thermopylae, Leonidas and his men found the ruins of a wall that had been constructed by the Phocians long before as a defense against the Thessalians. Leonidas immediately gave orders for its rebuilding. As the Persian force approached the pass, scouts were sent ahead. Most of Leonidas' soldiers were kept concealed behind the old Phocian wall, so that the enemy would not learn their precise strength. Enough, however, were visible to the Persians for them to know that they would be dealing with Spartans, whose reputation was fearsome. Xerxes ordered his army to halt some distance from the Greeks. Knowing that the Greek force was necessarily small compared to his, and wondering how they could possibly hope to prevail against him, he did not take their defensive position seriously and assumed that within a few days, they would withdraw. Four days passed, yet the Greeks stood their ground. So it was that, wishing to avoid at that point a clash of arms, Xerxes promised honorable treatment to Leonidas and his small army if they would merely lay down their arms. To that, Leonidas responded with the words "*molon labe*," that is, "come and take them." Xerxes promised then to make Leonidas his viceroy over all of Greece. Leonidas' answer was that he would rather die for the liberty of the Greek people than to rule over them. With that, Xerxes' patience was at an end. He ordered an assault on the Greek line.

With so narrow a front, the Persians could bring only a fraction of their superior numbers to bear. Showers of arrows were launched, but to little avail

Engineering marvel: The bridging of the Hellespont (now called the Dardanelles) by Xerxes was, according to historians, a phenomenal undertaking. Across the double-wide walkway a gigantic Persian army passed on its way to Greece.



since the Greek armor was an effective defense. At the place where the two armies met, there ensued a terrific slaughter, the victims of which were primarily the soldiers of Xerxes. Herodotus comments that although Xerxes "had plenty of combatants, he had but very few warriors." The bloodbath continued for the remainder of the day. The following day, Xerxes sent in the Persian elite corps, known as the Immortals, who, it was imagined, would quickly finish off the Greeks. Instead, they too suffered enormous losses. A favorite Spartan tactic was to appear to turn and run, and when the Persians would follow, thinking they were about to scatter their enemy, the Spartans would suddenly turn around, impaling even greater numbers of their foes on their spears. At the end of the second day, the Persians went back to their encampment without having made any progress.

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Buying time: By choosing a narrow battleground, only 50 feet wide, the 300 Spartans and their allies were able to delay the Persian juggernaut, which allowed the citizens of Athens to evacuate to a safe location. Thus a moral victory was won.

Betrayal

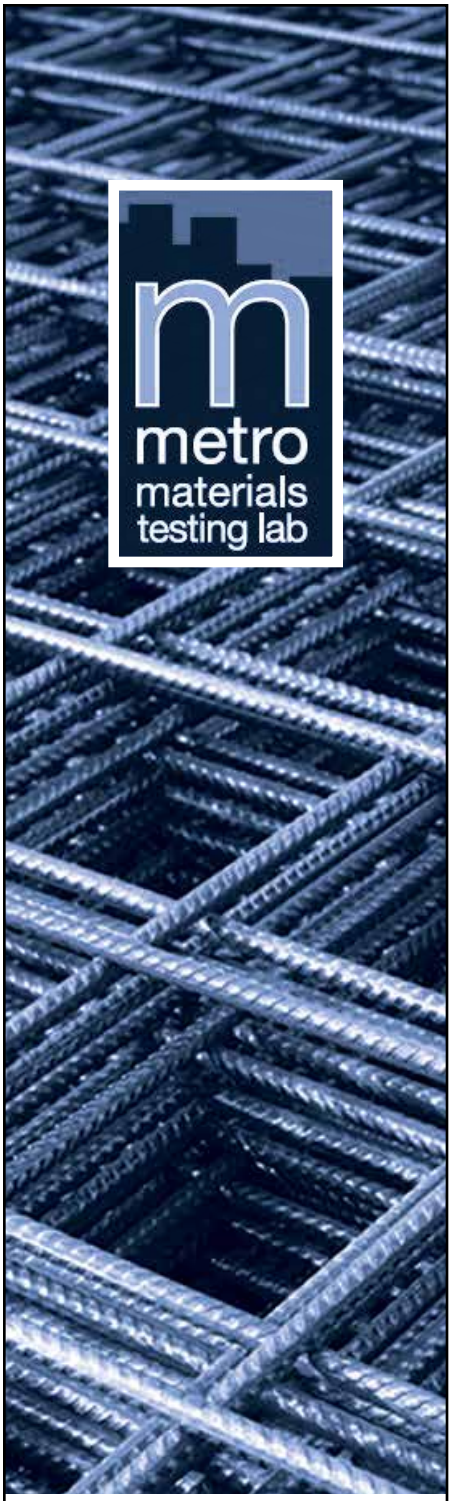
Xerxes was much troubled, having no way to push through the pass. Then, a certain Ephialtes, a Greek of the Malian tribe, came to the Persian camp offering to show them a footpath through the mountains that led to a place behind the pass. He expected in exchange for the information to receive a great reward from Xerxes. Military historian Hans Delbrück writes that discovery of a route around the Thermopylae pass was inevitable since in mountainous regions there are always alternate routes. He adds, "The villainy of a traitor, Ephialtes … was … not necessary to open the pass of Thermopylae to the Persians. Even in enemy territory a guide can always be found, whether by means of kindness or force, reward or punishment." In any case, the Persians were quick to seize the opportunity, and a large body of Immortals, led by their commander Hydarnes, spent the night traversing the mountainous path. Leonidas had been made aware of the trail and had earlier sent a force of 1,000 Phocians to guard it. But with the approach of the Persians, the Phocians, rather than fight, fled to the crest of a mountain while the Persians continued on toward Thermopylae.

Leonidas was forewarned by deserters that the Persians were about to outflank him by use of the mountain trail and, therefore, knowing that he and his small army were thereby doomed, sent away most of the warriors, so that they could assist in the war in other places. And so, on the third day of battle, Leonidas and his 300 Spartans, along with 700 Thespians and 400 Thebans, stood fast at the pass, determined to hold out as long as any were still alive. Leonidas and what remained of his 300 fought the main army approaching from the west, while the others fought Hydarnes and his Immortals approaching from the east. Historian J.B. Bury comments that at this point, the Spartans "were no longer content with merely repelling assaults; they now rushed out upon the enemy." Though they killed many Persians in that charge, Leonidas himself was killed. A battle then ensued over the body of the Spartan king in which two brothers of Xerxes were slain. At last, the Spartans and their allies were driven back onto a hillock where they made a last stand. All the Spartans were killed, along with several hundred of the allied troops. Xerxes ordered his men to find the body of Leonidas, which they did. He ordered it dishonored by having the head cut off, putting it on display on a pole, and crucifying the headless body.

The heroic resistance of King Leonidas and his dauntless Spartans and brave Thespians was not in vain. What was in the short term a defeat was, in the long term, a moral victory, setting the stage for final victory. The delay in the Persian advance offered the Athenians precious time to evacuate their city, which would soon fall to the Persians, and time to prepare for a decisive naval battle.

Long after the Battle of Thermopylae, a monument was erected there on which the following inscription appears:

> Go, tell the Spartans, thou that passest by,
> That here, obedient to their laws, we lie. ■



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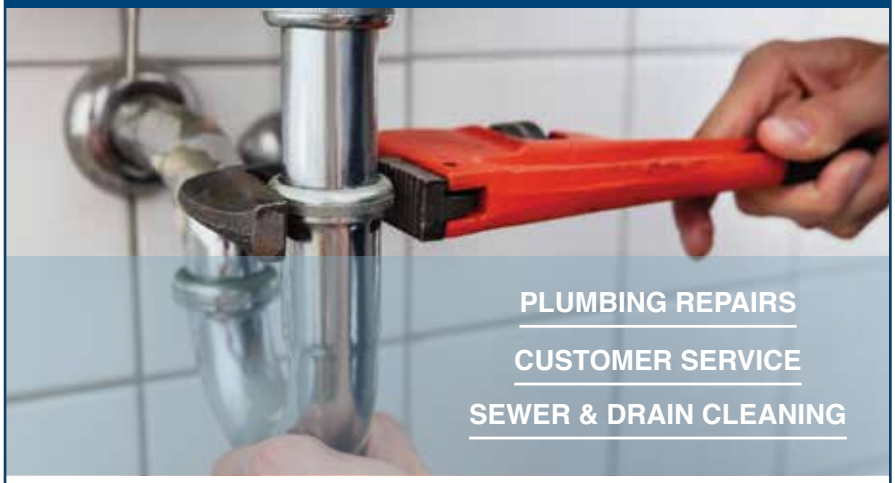

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Constitutional Carry in Louisiana

One of the positive trends this column has been reporting on is how states are changing their gun laws to allow the permitless carry of handguns, which is popularly referred to as "constitutional carry." The *Shreveport Times* reported on May 30 that the Louisiana Senate voted to approve a law, which had already passed the House, that will allow gun owners who are at least 21 years old to carry concealed firearms without obtaining a permit. The bill was sponsored by Republican Representative Danny McCormick, who explained, "Constitutional carry will restore Second Amendment rights in Louisiana."

Kelby Seanor of the National Rifle Association touted one of the many benefits of constitutional carry, saying that "it puts law-abiding citizens on equal footing with criminals…. It removes the burden to exercise a constitutional right."

Louisiana law already allows gun owners to open-carry handguns in public without a permit, but the new law will now allow gun owners to carry concealed. More than half the states in the country have constitutional carry, including all of the states that border Louisiana.

McCormick had already failed to get this law passed three times, but it appears the fourth time is the charm. Now that it has passed the Senate, the governor has indicated he will sign it into law. McCormick thinks it's about time, and simply said, "We should trust people with their rights."

Exercise Your Right to Remain Silent

Fox News reported on May 20 about a self-defense shooting in Shelby County, Tennessee, in which the victim of an armed robbery ended up getting arrested while the criminals were still on the loose.

The homeowner was notified by his security system that several people were outside his house trying to burglarize his vehicle, which was parked in the driveway. The homeowner walked outside to investigate, but the would-be thieves started shooting at him. Fortunately, the homeowner was armed, and he returned fire. The suspects quickly fled.

Police were soon called to the scene and talked to the man about the incident, which was captured by a security camera.

The man's wife was put off by the questions the police were asking, and told the local Fox affiliate, "When they were talking to him, from what I saw, it was like they were trying to find ways to charge him…. That doesn't sound right. Why would you put pressure on the victim when you should put pressure for the suspects to be found?"

The homeowner did make several potentially incriminating statements, such as that when he returned fire, he couldn't see how many suspects there were because it was the middle of the night and he had his eyes closed while he shot. He also admitted that he shot at the suspects as they fled.

The homeowner was arrested by the police and charged with reckless endangerment. His wife was shocked, feeling that the police put more effort into punishing the victim than investigating the crime and bringing the perpetrators to justice. "The suspects, they are out there…. They were probably sleeping or partying [while] my husband was in jail trying to get released for something where he was innocent," she told the local Fox affiliate.

In hindsight, if the homeowner had simply consulted with an attorney before talking to the police, he most likely would not have been arrested.

Many supporters of the Second Amendment rushed to the defense of the homeowner, including Heritage Foundation senior fellow Amy Swearer, who posted a lengthy Twitter thread on May 16 denouncing the arrest:

> I'm floored that the homeowner here is being charged with "reckless endangerment." The arguments from police seem absurd on their face to me. The only people he endangered were ... the ones shooting at him. And he's 100% entitled to "endanger" them…. I'm open to arguments that I'm missing something, but it seems absurd on its face. They clearly fire first. They keep firing even while "retreating" (and that's a dubious characterization). He's defending himself and his family on his own property…. This nonsense from cops is why EVERY gun owner should get a gun owner's legal liability insurance plan. It's also why I don't doubt for a single second that many [defensive gun uses] go unreported — gun owners don't trust that cops won't take THEM out in cuffs instead of the actual criminals…. Oh my goodness. If you watch all the way through to the end, the suspects literally fire a final shot back at the house as they're driving away and AFTER the homeowner retreats inside. There was no point in that video where they weren't an active, imminent threat.

One commenter on a Facebook group called "Stop Memphis Crime" offered some sound advice for talking to police after a self-defense shooting: "If he merely stated 'They fired at me and I returned fire because I believed my life was in danger. I'll answer no more questions until I have an attorney to represent me.' there's little they could charge him with. Unfortunately, his effort to be cooperative got him charged with reckless endangerment."

Emotional 911 Call

WSOCTV.com reported on June 1 about a shooting in Gastonia, North Carolina, where an intruder broke in to a home and was shot by the homeowner. An occupant of the home called 911 to report the shooting. The caller told the 911 dispatcher, "Somebody tried to rob us…. Oh please Jesus, please hurry." The 911 dispatcher asks if an intruder broke in and was shot, and the caller responds, "Yeah. Please come on somebody, I'm going to have a heart attack if you don't get here soon."

Police soon arrived on the scene and found the suspect near the front door suffering from gunshot wounds. He was transported to a nearby medical facility, where he died. The investigation by law enforcement is ongoing. ■

— Patrick Krey

THE REVIEW

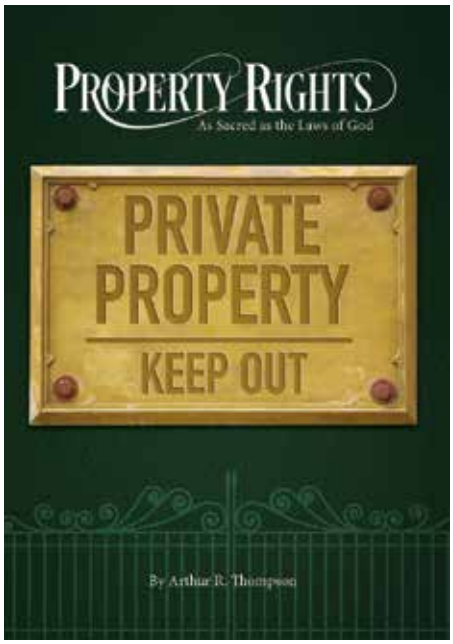
The Centrality of Property Rights to Liberty

by Steve Byas

***Property Rights: As Sacred as the Laws of God*,** by Arthur R. Thompson, Appleton, Wisconsin: The John Birch Society, 2022, 114 pages, paperback.

Many Americans have heard of the song "This Land Is Your Land," penned and sung by Oklahoman Woody Guthrie in the 1930s. While the tune is quite catchy, its message is Marxist. In one verse of the song, Guthrie tells of a sign that read "Private Property" on one side, but the other side was blank. That side, according to Guthrie, was "made for you and me."

This is not surprising. As Art Thompson, former CEO of The John Birch Society, argues in his latest book *Property Rights: As Sacred as the Laws of God*, the abolition of private property has always been a goal of communists such as Karl Marx and Woody Guthrie. Thompson notes that the American government was created to protect the rights of individuals, including the right to own property, making our system of government the hated enemy of international communism. After all, as Thompson explains, for a totalitarian government to succeed, private property must be abolished.



This assault on private property is not only an attack upon our system of government, it is also an attack upon all "existing social conditions." Today, many pretend that there is a difference between human rights and property rights. But, of course, property itself has no rights. Rather, individuals have rights — given to them by God — including the right to own property. If property rights are not respected, the destruction of all other liberties will soon follow.

Thompson makes this point by citing John Adams, who said, "The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, anarchy and tyranny commence." Other Founders expressed similar sentiments. For example, James Madison said, "Government is instituted to protect property of every sort." Though not cited by Thompson, John Locke, the English philosopher who greatly influenced the Founders, argued that all individual rights were essentially property rights, including life and liberty. After all, one's life and one's liberty are the property of an individual.

Thompson explains the phrase found in the Declaration of Independence asserting that the Creator has endowed us with certain unalienable rights, including "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Some mistakenly believe that the right to private property was overlooked by this phrase, but, as Thompson writes, "The short definition of the Pursuit of Happiness is the ability to seek out property of all kinds to ensure the happiness of the individual: land, personal property, property in money, etc."

"Without property," Thompson continues, "one could not earn a living, have shelter, and in general live a happy life: the Pursuit of Happiness."

He further explains that the rejection of the right of an individual to own property is a rejection of *three* of the Ten Commandments. The Eighth Commandment clearly states, "Thou shalt not steal." The Tenth Commandment forbids coveting, which means *desiring* to obtain someone else's property, whatever that property is. (Socialist politicians today regularly appeal to covetousness in their platforms, when they call for a more "equitable distribution of wealth.")

The Ninth Commandment, which forbids bearing false witness, is not one that normally is thought of in the context of the protection of private property, but Thompson writes, "This implies an aspect of property not always noticed — that it is lying to rob someone of some level of their freedom and/or property."

"Morality plays a role in this, yet the foundational basis for morality is denied in the educational system if God is banned from the classroom," Thompson notes, adding, "If God can't be mentioned, how can we possibly affirm the words of the Declaration of Independence?"

In chapter three, Thompson examines the difference between a republic and a democracy, and the problem of "majority rule." While many Americans today view the two terms — republic and democracy — as synonyms, they are really not. A republican form of government, properly understood, is designed to protect liberty, while democracy — majority rule — can actually be destructive of liberty. In a letter written in 1814, John Adams said, "A democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself." Thompson cites English philosopher G.K. Chesterton, who wisely said, "You can never have a revolution to establish a democracy. You must have a democracy in order to have a revolution."

Marxists certainly *say* they favor democracy (leftists in America often refer to socialism by euphemisms such as "industrial democracy"), by which they mean a first step toward a totalitarian government. Once the people of a nation come to believe that they can take away someone else's private property via the ballot box, it is a short step to a communist oligarchy doing the same thing.

Thompson argues that the 16th and 17th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution have greatly damaged the concepts of limited government, federalism, and private property. The 16th Amendment gave Congress the authority to impose a *progressive income tax*, while the 17th took away from state legislatures the power to choose their state's U.S. senators, thus diminishing the power of state governments. The income tax gave Congress the money to offer funds to state governments in exchange for them giving up some of their reserved powers. For example, when Congress threatened to take away the state highway funds of any state government refusing to lower their speed limits to 55 miles per hour, all 50 states meekly complied.

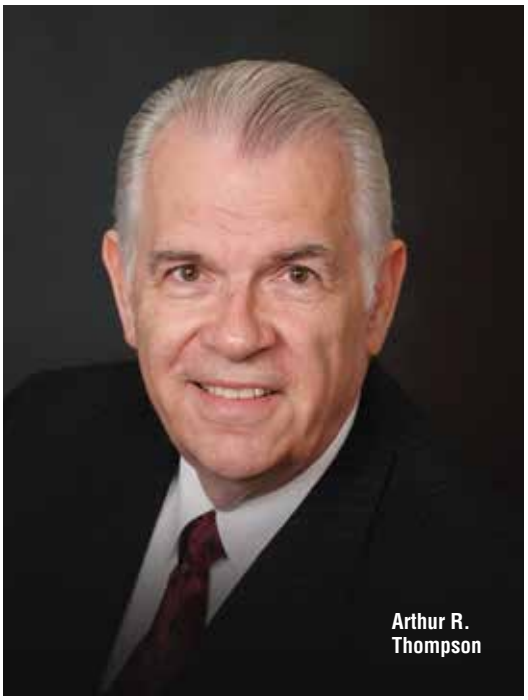
Another way that property rights have been diminished is through foreign entanglements, including so-called free trade agreements. As Thompson explains, these international agreements (which are actually treaties, another instance of the Constitution being ignored, as all treaties have to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Senate, not just majority votes in the House and Senate) are an "insidious" attack on property rights.

While President Donald Trump may have done many good things, his trade deal with Mexico and Canada — the USMCA — has cost Americans property rights already, and will continue to do so. The Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST), which had been negotiated by President Jimmy Carter and withdrawn from Senate consideration by his successor, Ronald Reagan, was inserted into the USMCA. As Thompson writes, inserting an unratified treaty into a trade agreement was yet another unconstitutional act.

In other chapters, Thompson documents the erosion of American property rights over the course of our history. As the country expanded westward, Congress abandoned the anti-colonial policy the Confederation Congress had adopted with the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. In it, Congress provided that lands south of the Great Lakes be made *states*, rather than *colonies* of the federal government. Unfortunately, starting with the Louisiana Purchase, lands in the West were not all transferred to those states and their citizens, but some lands were retained by the federal government. Alaska, for example, is 61-percent owned by the U.S. government.

Civil asset forfeiture laws are another way that governments attack private property. With these laws, law enforcement can seize property, arguing it was used in a crime. Instead of the burden of proof being on the government to prove a person was using his property in a crime, the accused must now prove his innocence.

Gun-control laws are yet another example of infringement on property rights, Thompson writes. For example, President Joe Biden falsely said that individuals could not buy cannons at the time of the passage of the Second Amendment, but the truth is they could and they did. While Biden and other anti-gun politicians argue that average citizens should not be able to possess "weapons of war," the fact of the matter is that the muskets and cannons of 1776 were the latest available arms in their day. The media is not restricted to using the primitive printing technology of the time in which the First Amendment was written, and neither should individuals be limited to muskets. Thompson calls the assault on the Second Amendment an assault on the "last barrier to the elimination of property rights."


Arthur R. Thompson

What can we do about all of these assaults on our property rights? Thompson suggests joining The John Birch Society (the parent company of *The New American*). The Society provides education in constitutional government, promotes Americanism, and offers effective strategies to save our Constitution.

There is much more in Thompson's book than what can be adequately covered in a short review, and this writer highly recommends the book for anyone wishing to gain a better understanding of the importance of property rights. ■

Mother Knows Best

by William P. Hoar

***Domestic Extremist: A Practical Guide to Winning the Culture War*,** by Peachy Keenan, Washington, D.C.: Regnery Publishing, 2023, 384 pages, hardcover.

If there's somethin' strange in your neighborhood, who ya gonna call? The "Ghostbusters" won't be enough. Consider that, in this battle, the other side has already taken, or is in the process of taking, your fleeting fertility, gender, virtues, unborn children, maternal instinct, parental authority, and much more. Your very happiness is at risk.

Yet there is a plan to take back what has been lost. It involves becoming ever-so-slightly more domestic, or, as Peachy Keenan puts it, becoming "domestic extremists." We will, our pseudonymous author assures regular American families — both men and women, though this pep talk is more particularly addressed to women — take the fight to our opponents and overcome.

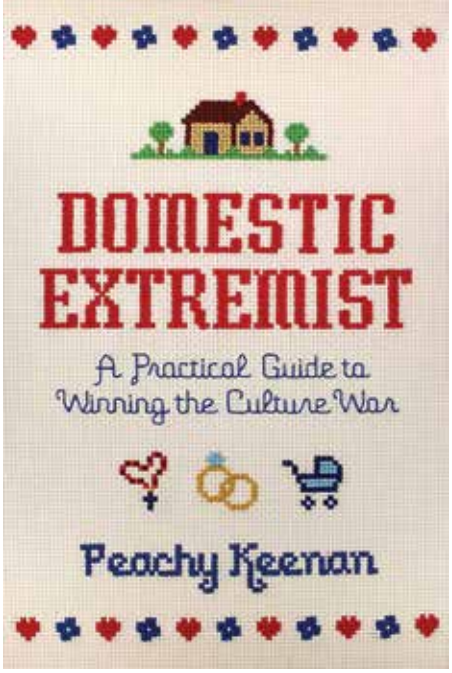
How? Combining lyrico-dramatic with droll, she counts some of the ways: "We will claim victory peacefully. We will extinguish their ideas elegantly; we will dismantle their dictates with decorum. We will grind their gruesome ideologies to dust gracefully. We will take prisoners and claim scalps, but not a hair on their shrunken heads will be harmed."

Moreover, proving how innately dangerous this woman really is, especially when such matters are *verboten* in her former social circles, the author comes clean and admits — after issuing a "trigger warning" — that she refused to "hire strangers" to raise her kids for her.

There are countless other flabbergasting and witty disclosures within.

Though Much Is Taken, Much Abides

The book is divided into two main sections describing, candidly, the damage that has been wreaked on our country and families in recent decades, and then outlining how to reclaim what is rightfully ours. Amid



the sharp commentary and incisive observations, there are both serious and fun sides. The author's personal growth is an important part of this volume; she clearly hopes that her experiences can help others.

The author of *Domestic Extremist: A Practical Guide to Winning the Culture War* is a contributing editor for *The American Mind*, a publication of the Claremont Institute. She also writes at peachykeenan.substack.com — where one learns that she did not do the counted cross-stitching on the book's cover (though the design idea was apparently hers.) A pseudovisage also accompanies her frequent Twitter remarks.

The writer, a mother of five, describes herself as living behind enemy lines in Southern California. She was originally scheduled to "dox" herself on Tucker Carlson's show on the night of her book's publication in early June, though that changed when Carlson and Fox News went in different directions. As it happens, the "face-doxxing" and "unboxing" did take place on Harris Faulkner's Fox show. Lest you wonder, that "face reveal" confirms that the real Peachy behind the *nom de plume* is more animated and better looking than the Twitter profile representation.

We learn a good deal about the younger (and current) Peachy throughout the book, with a whole chapter about her "origin story." Faith, albeit belated, is a key for her — though she is hardly a Preachy Peachy. She describes how, after three children, she had her "final burn-the-ships, cross-the-Rubicon moment." This was the "day I converted from secular atheism to Catholicism, officially reversing my long-held feminist positions on abortion, premarital sex, birth control, and more. The old Peachy was dead. Long live the new, domestically extreme Peachy!"

Stratagems vs. Powerful Forces

There's no doubt that Keenan is aware of the "immense forces" deployed against tradition, parents, and children, "and against the nearly dead American Dream." That, however, is not the main focus in *Domestic Extremist*. This is a volume about being in the trenches.

If this were a different type of book, an outright military tome as opposed to one about our cultural clash, the skirmishing she discusses could be called "tactical" or "operational" — as opposed to being at a more notional "strategic" level.

To be clear, Peachy doesn't get into such details. More to the immediate point, she does expound on, for instance, what she calls the "three filthiest words in the English language: beauty, chastity, modesty."

The author is mindful, however, of a larger picture — pointing out how such forces "pretend their plan to destroy the family is a right-wing conspiracy theory, only they have been saying it — out loud — in academic circles for years." Keenan does mention other "largely invisible villains." These are, as she writes,

> New World Order globalists, the "you'll own nothing and you'll be happy" sociopaths who control everything from the World Economic Forum to most Western governments, Big Tech, Big Media, the wine aunt hive mind, teachers' unions, the media, Hollywood, celebrity culture, think tanks, institutes, climate change radicals, NGOs, Planned Parenthood, the woke velvet mafia in charge of the Catholic Church, the global monetary system, Wall Street, Big Tech, Big Pharma, Big Gender (that is, the powerful LGBTQ+ lobby), D.C., and the entire American educational system from pre-K to grad school.

Against all of that, and much more, the author offers a solution, promising that "Living a more domestically extreme lifestyle will carry you and your family safely over the gaping abyss!" Then she backs up her assertions.

Gender Activists Brandish Pronouns

At the personal level — very personal — normal women have become the bad guys. Keenan says goodbye, sadly, to such girls in her list of descriptions of what has been lost of late, in this case in a chapter about gender. Her arguments, here and elsewhere, are frank and forthright. As we read, women who "object to the 'male-bodied' showing up in their more intimate areas, like locker rooms and saunas, in bathrooms and dressing rooms, are the villains."

Complain about naked male genitalia in the women's spa, she says,

> and the establishment feminists accuse you of committing violence against transgendered people. Some women's rights groups, who have fought for years to support women in prisons and allow them to have greater access to their children, now stay silent as rapists with male bodies are locked in jail cells with female rape survivors. Sorry, ladies, that is what equality looks like: prison rape is now equally distributed at the men's and the women's penitentiaries.

Some of us recall when women got praised for their intuition. Nowadays, it seems, they can't even have their own institutions.

Keenan also unleashes straight talk against bent men. You know them. In the author's words, they are the ones whose "greatest fear is to be misgendered." When that happens, she says, "it only reminds them of the great lie they are living and the comical futility of their attempts to pass."

Some things don't change, even in cultural collisions. We still find that there's one thing to be said for ignorance: It leads to interesting arguments.

From Feminism to Faith

Genuine faith is assuring and enduring. It seems that when conversion is added into the equation, it is insuring. Throughout the book and her other writing, Peachy acknowledges the dramatic changes of her views and life. In one of her Substack pieces, for instance, Keenan takes note of some of the transformations — citing how her "longtime career as a copywriter for woke corporations and ad agencies" suddenly took "a thrilling turn — into right-wing *samizdat*."

In the same regard, here's more on what the former archetypal feminist has learned, from *Domestic Extremist*, where she describes how so many young women (and men), especially amid the proliferation of dating apps, have opted out of early marriage. Writes Keenan, "Sixty years of unchecked feminism convinced young women marriage is a trap and a prison — and gave permission to several generations of young men to collect digital harems of cheap concubines."

Things have changed, largely for the worse, in terms of "domestic extremism" over recent generations. Keenan points out that Generation X veterans of boomer divorces (her situation) came to fear marriage because of the divorces in their childhood. Then when they did marry, their parental authority was attacked on multiple fronts.

Amid her "origin story" remarks, the author says that most of the girls she went to college with were the last generation with "fairly normal" adulthoods, albeit delayed. How about now? They are (she's writing from Southern California, remember)

> perfectly progressive liberals raising perfectly progressive children. Their youthful libertinism has evolved into magic mushroom microdosing parties for moms who could step smartly into *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*. Their children go to expensive schools where kindergarteners announce their pronouns when they address their class; they're put on the pill the day they get their periods, no matter what gender they are.
>
> These are your elite, America.

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Young and modern: Feminism has convinced many young women to eschew marriage and childbearing in favor of careers and "playing the field," only to end up lonely and resentful in their 40s.

The author isn't proselytizing her specific religious beliefs in *Domestic Extremist*, but unmistakably has traveled on a spiritual road from the days when, in Keenan's words, she was "baptized in the Church of MTV" and a "secular and sanitized household left me to grope my way in darkness."

Parents for Girls and Boys

There's plenty to discuss concerning the ongoing gender wars, and it is a particu-

larly strong part of *Domestic Extremist*. Such battles also erode parental authority, another area that is well covered here. As Keenan observes, if you don't believe that children need to be learning at an early age from government officials and teachers about sex and gender dysphoria, it is *you* who are the supposed extremist. She continues: "*You* are the extremist if you question a teacher or school administrator's choice of books to read or lessons to learn." (Emphasis in original.)

Depending on where you live, the battles between parents and perverse sex promoters may have become hot wars. California is truly extremist. In her native state, notes Keenan,

> students in middle school can ask their school to change their names and genders in the school computer system, and the school is not permitted to inform the parents. The school authorities and the teachers are legally allowed to conspire with eleven-year-olds in sixth grade to induct them into a cult and keep it secret. Literally "it'll be our secret," a classic groomer move.

On the other hand, there are alternatives. And the top item on the "How to Reclaim Your Parental Authority" section of this book suggests some of the various ways to exit government schools.

Things have clearly been getting worse when it comes to "heir-conditioning" (don't blame Peachy for that pun). Accordingly, Keenan suggests, among other matters, becoming an "anti-feminist." She also asks rhetorically if swapping "traditional feminine values for feminist values" — her previous personal path — did make young women happier. That was, as she says, "the promise, remember. Did it work? Let's check in with Gen Z and find out!" Peachy answers her own question:

> Ah, unfortunately, it looks like depression among Gen Z is sky-rocketing, and it's highest for young women. Could it be a connection between all this summertime sadness and the feminist indoctrination they receive from birth?

As you can see, Keenan really is an extremist: She even promotes traditional femininity. Nor does the book ignore her husband. In that vein, according to Peachy, she identifies as a husbosexual — meaning that she is "only attracted to people who identify as her husband."

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Protect the children: Public schools are now centers of indoctrination, particularly regarding sex and LGBTQ dogma. Parents should consider taking their children out of the government schools.

Domestic Extremist features a number of editorial add-ons, including apropos chapter epigraphs (from Aristotle to G.K. Chesterton and from Audrey Hepburn to Joan of Arc); a pointed quiz to measure if you are a Domestic Extremist; and a semi-flippant game of "Feminist Bingo." The latter allows readers to see if they can identify some of the archetypes in their neighborhoods, with about three dozen categories. You get points for IDing each; here are three representative examples: Women Who Think Children Cause Climate Change; Women Who Hang BLM, LGBTQ+, and Transgender Flags on Their Homes but You Never See an American Flag; and Women Who Donate to Planned Parenthood but Want to Tell You How to Parent. Peachy acknowledges that since she lives in Southern California, she always wins this game.

In short, readers are in for a treat with Peachy's book. Meanwhile, between the insightful and the sarcastic — generally deserved — she can also dish out poetically. Here she is, for instance, characterizing mothers with multiple children and their views on motherhood. To such women, the author writes,

> Every day is a step forward in shaping a new human being who repays you with a million joys, a million delightful giggles, and profound love. From the outside, an infinity of mundane moments — wiping a tear, cutting up grapes, pushing a swing — looks like nothing. But each throwaway gesture is another stone in the monument to you that slowly rises unseen deep in your child's heart.

Sure, there are rough days. After all, mothers only have two hands. And, as we all know, it is also advisable to save something for a rainy day — patience.

In a chapter on saving the planet (one family at a time), the author has a modest proposal or two. A financial one about giving grants for a third child is admittedly just spitballing and politically farfetched.

More fitting is this maxim: Obey the Babies. As Peachy puts it, with a wink, the next time you "see a baby, look into his eyes. He is telling you that he agrees with me. Or maybe he's just making a weird face while he poops." ■

TAKING ACTION

Standing on Principle

Can Mean Fighting Our "Friends"

by William S. Hahn, CEO of The John Birch Society

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Those standing on principle will at times find themselves standing opposite their political "friends." The John Birch Society and related supporters frequently experience this, especially with our "Choose Freedom, Stop a Constitutional Convention" project. And, unfortunately, brave Americans standing up for property rights in America's heartland are finding this out, too.

Many elected Republicans are playing along with the climate-change ruse. Even worse, some are benefiting from it. The Daily Caller reported in early June, "All four Iowa House Republicans lobbied to protect tax credits for carbon dioxide storage in House Republicans' debt ceiling bill after raking in thousands in donations from a donor involved in CO_2 pipeline development, according to campaign finance records."

Plus, some GOP Iowa state legislators are *opposed* to strengthening the property rights of constituents because of the carbon-capture pipeline support of the state's biofuels industry. Iowa Public Radio said in February, "A study commissioned by the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, which is in support of the pipelines, says that if Iowa ethanol plants aren't able to use carbon pipelines, they won't be competitive with neighboring states that do carbon capture and receive tax credits for it."

Capturing carbon for tax credits is a fraudulent scheme that pretends to be a way to reduce emissions and getting climate change under control. Take away the financial incentives, and these pipelines would go away.

Multiple pipelines are being considered, and former Congressman Steve King wrote at YourNews.com, "Larry Fink's BlackRock provides the investment capital driving the 1300 mile Heartland Greenway CO_2 Carbon Capture Use and Sequestration (CCUS) Project…. Bruce Rastetter, CEO of Summit Carbon Solutions, is the other major player in the race for hundreds of billions of We the People's tax dollars. His proposal is to build 2000 miles of high pressure CO_2 pipeline. Summit would then pump its CO_2 into deep wells near the oil fields by Bismarck, North Dakota. BlackRock's destination for the liquid CO_2 would be deep wells near the oil fields south of Springfield, IL."

Aberdeen News reported in March 2022, "Summit Agricultural Group's CEO Bruce Rastetter has emerged as one of Iowa's largest Republican donors. Follow The Money shows that he's donated almost $2 million to various political candidates in the past 23 years, with about $1.5 [million] going toward Republican candidates."

Iowa Public Radio reported at the end of March, "A House bill that would have restricted the use of eminent domain for carbon capture pipelines appeared to be dead for the year Thursday after the Iowa Senate failed to advance it ahead of a legislative deadline."

"The Iowa House passed the bill last week with bipartisan support and opposition, but Senate Republicans never scheduled an initial subcommittee hearing."

"In an interview with Radio Iowa, Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver, R-Grimes, said he doesn't think the conversation is over. But he said there is currently no consensus among Senate Republicans when it comes to restricting eminent domain use for the pipelines."

No fewer than five bills were introduced this year in Iowa, but because of "no consensus" to protect God-given rights, Iowans and others have more work to do.

Some counties are fighting back with pipeline moratoriums and other restrictions, which are great avenues for local officials. As expected, they are currently being sued by Summit Carbon Solutions.

These are tough odds for activists, but not impossible. Members of The John Birch Society are no strangers to these odds, and are currently on location standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Iowans and others.

The global war on farmers has its tentacles everywhere, and is firmly rooted within the buildup to world government and its coveted New World Order. The first step to defeating this begins with local action. Learn how you can help at JBS.org/farmers, and join The John Birch Society. ■

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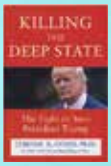

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